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"2. Education of the public at large through acceptance first of the individual, leading to an eventual breakdown of the erroneous conceptions, taboos, and prejudices; through public discussion meetings aforementioned; through dissemination of educational literature on the homosexual.

"3. Participation in research projects by duly authorized and responsible psychology, sociology, and other experts directed towards further knowledge of the homosexual.

"4. Investigation of the Penal Code as it pertains to the homosexual, proposals of changes to provide an equitable handling of cases involving this minority group and promotion of these changes by due process of law in the State legislatures."

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RE: "CRIMDEL - CRS"

RE: MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.

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ONI Agent [redacted] Corpus Christi, Texas, furnished the following information to SA [redacted] on 11/14/58.

The captioned society was founded and incorporated in California on 6/7/52 as a secret society with headquarters in Los Angeles. The society is an organization composed mainly of sex deviates and homosexuals. On 5/11/53 the secrecy was dropped and the organization came out into the open. Since then the organization has published a bi-monthly magazine entitled "Mattachine Review" which is distributed from San Francisco, California. According to [redacted] chapters have been formed in Chicago, New York, Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

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[redacted] further informed that about 60% of the officers of the chapters are known homosexuals and individuals who have allegedly participated in Communist Party "front groups." [redacted] informed the organization possesses what is known as "Area Councils" at the following places:

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693 Mission Street, San Francisco, California
P. O. Box 1925, Los Angeles, California
1183 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York
Unknown address, Chicago, Illinois

In addition, the society has what is known as "Chapter Offices" at the following locations:

P. O. Box 7035, Capitol Hill Station, Denver, Colorado
P. O. Box 8815, Southeast Station, Washington, D. C.

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[] advised this information was passed on to him by an informant of his who is an admitted homosexual and is a member of the society. This informant alleged the main mission of the organization at present is to better the situation of homosexuals. At the present time an effort is being made to bring about a decrease in the size of vice squads in local Police Departments.

[] informant also advised that [] of the society in the State of Texas. He was formerly in charge of organizing lectures and publicity for the society in New York City and is presently a student at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. [] is reportedly engaged in organizing chapters at the present time in Dallas, Austin and San Antonio.

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According to [] informant, the organization at Dallas will become public within a few months. It is the desire of the society for the chapter in San Antonio to remain undercover. The chapter in Austin, Texas, is regarded as being in the planning stage.

The Houston indices contain a photostatic copy of a document entitled "Mattachine Society Today.....An Information Digest." This digest was dated in 1954.

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[] considers his informant to be reliable.

OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

Copies of this airtel are being designated to all interested offices for their observation and conclusion.

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This matter will continue to be followed closely with ONI Agent [] and any data made available by him in the future will be immediately reported to any and all interested offices.

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Saturday, March 28, 1959

MATTACHINE SOCIETY TO HEAR PUBLISHER

Carlton B. Goodlett, M.D., publisher of The Sun-Reporter, will speak on "Homosexuality and the Minority Groups" at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, at San Francisco Area Council the Mattachine Society, Inc., meeting at the American Friends Center, 1830 Sutter Street.

Dr. Goodlett, who is also a consultant psychologist, said his discussion will not concern racial minorities.

The Mattachine Society, Inc., officials said, is a non-profit, educational, research and social service organization founded for the purpose of studying and seeking solutions to the personal and social problems of those of bisexual or homosexual orientation.

Further information can be obtained at 693 Mission Street, Rm. 309, or phone EXbrook 7-0773.

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MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.

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Re Houston airtel to the Director dated 11/19/58,
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The Mattachine "Newsletter" for May, 1959, issued by the Los Angeles Area Council, listed the following Mattachine offices:

Boston Area Council
P.O. Box 1499, Boston 4, Massachusetts

Detroit Area Council
P.O. Box 1434, Detroit 31, Michigan

Los Angeles Area Council
P.O. Box 1925, Los Angeles 53, California

New York Area Council
1133 Broadway, Suite 409, New York 10, N.Y.

Phoenix Area Council

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San Francisco Area Council
693 Mission Street
San Francisco 5, California

→ The "Newsletter" announced that the Sixth Annual Convention of the Mattachine Society is to be held at Denver, Colorado, September 4 - 7, and that the Albany Hotel in downtown Denver has been selected as convention headquarters.

The above is furnished the Bureau and other offices for information.

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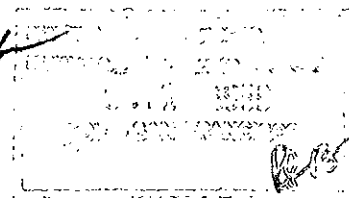
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Wolden Sued for Slander

Assessor Russell Wolden was slapped with a \$1,103,500 slander suit yesterday by the Mattachine Society, which said he called it an organization of "sex deviates."

The Society, whose local headquarters are at 693 Mission street, said it was mentioned on radio and in the press by Wolden during one of his campaign speeches.

The suit said Wolden "wrongfully and maliciously . . . declared (the Society) was organized homosexuals . . . and exposed teen-agers to contact with homosexuals."

Wolden's remarks were made Wednesday in a radio attack on Mayor George Christopher, his opponent in the race for Mayor.

The complaint maintains the society is an educational research and social service organization devoted to publicizing the problems of homosexuality and to helping individuals "with this tremendous social problem."

Meetings are held and literature distributed among the San Francisco members who meet once a month.

Attorney Walter T. Winter,

Citizens' Group Snubs Advisers, Backs Wolden

The Citizens' Political Advisory Board, rejecting the recommendation of its Board of Directors, endorsed Assessor Russell L. Wolden for Mayor last night.

Wolden received 193 votes to 143 for Mayor George Christopher, according to President Allen Spivock.

The non-partisan organization overruled a recommendation by its Board of Directors that Christopher be supported.

The group voted for six incumbent San Francisco Supervisors and all three local bond issues.

who filed the suit in Superior Court called Wolden's alleged words "disgusting." He said the Society wants \$1 million in exemplary damages, \$100,000 in general damages and \$3500 for loss of income in dues and donations which will result.

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Aide Charged With Faking Material

By ED MONTGOMERY

William Brandhove, sometime police informer, merchant seaman and lesser political light, was identified yesterday as the key man in setting up a smear campaign by the forces of Assessor Russell L. Wolden against Mayor George Christopher.

Brandhove, it developed, was responsible for a resolution adopted last month in Denver by the Mattachine Society, described by one of its officials as an "educational, research and social service organization" which has as one of its aims that of helping the public "gain understanding of the problems of homosexuals and to help individuals with this tremendous social problem."

Lauds 'Attitude'

The resolution commended Christopher and Police Chief Thomas Cahill and praised San Francisco for its "enlightened attitude."

Wolden's forces used it as the basis for a claim that "San Francisco has become the national headquarters of organized sex deviates in the United States," and that it has done so "under the benign attitude of the Christopher administration."

Officers of the society said the resolution was planted by Brandhove.

Wolden would say only that Brandhove's name was vaguely familiar to him.

Conspiracy Hint

But Deputy Police Chief Al Nelder said Brandhove told police as early as last April that he was associated with the Wolden campaign.

"In view of the fact that there may possibly be more than one person involved in this, and that there may be conspiracy involved, looking

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'Plant' Revealed In Wolden's Smear Drive



ARTHUR BRANDHOVY
 ... Key figure in smear

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Cahill will return tonight from the East Coast, where he attended a police chiefs' convention.

The Mattachine Society has its offices here at 693 Mission St.

JOINED IN AUGUST

Donald Lucas, secretary of the society, said that Brandhove joined the local chapter in August and then went to the national convention of the organization in Denver last month.

Lucas said that Brandhove waited until the final session of the convention before he attempted to get his resolution introduced. Society members expressed regret that they had been used for political purposes. Additional use was made

"He said it would be a wonderful goodwill gesture that would accomplish a great deal public relations-wise in San Francisco," Lucas said.

Harold Call, also a member of the society, said he introduced the resolution for Brandhove.

'GOODWILL GESTURE'

Both Call and Lucas said they regarded it as a goodly gesture and had no idea that it subsequently would be used for political purposes.

Then, two days ago, they saw a notarized reproduction of the resolution in a local "throwaway" neighborhood newspaper, along with the charges against Christopher and Cahill and a lengthy account of asserted freedom enjoyed here by sex deviates.

Lucas said they asked Brandhove about the reproduction of the resolution and the story, and he denied knowing anything about it.

ASKED FOR COPIES

He said they then queried Darlene Armbeck, a notary public who acted as a secretary for the Denver gathering, and she said that Brandhove asked her by telephone to mail him three notarized copies of the resolution.

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Additional use was made of the resolution by Wolden in a 15 minute broadcast on KNBC Wednesday night. He cited it to back up his charges against the Mayor.

\$1,100,000 SUIT

As a direct result of his broadcast, a \$1,100,000 slander suit was filed in Superior Court late yesterday against Wolden by the Mattachine Society.

The complaint charged that Wolden "did wrongfully and maliciously declare and utter certain false and defamatory statements" regarding the society, and that at the

time he did so he "knew that said words were untrue."

Mayor Christopher Las
night said flatly that the
smear was a conspiracy.

'DEGRADED' CITY

3) "In a blind drive for office
my opponent has degraded
dignity."

Furthermore, I am deeply
regretful that his sordid cam-
paign material has been
thrown on the doorstep of
every home," Christopher

Brandhove disappeared yesterday from the Turk St. hotel where he had been staying.

na self-styled former Com-
munist, he once was a candi-
date for the Board of Super-
visors.

He was an associate of James Tarantino, convicted extortionist.

In 1949 he was charged with contempt by the old State Senate Un-American Activities Committee for refusing to answer questions.

Praise of Mayor's Policy On Deviates Engineered By Ex-Police Informer

By George Draper

Assessor Russell L. Wolden's plan to inject the issue of homosexuality in the mayoral campaign came apart at the seams yesterday.

He made his muddy charges in a speech on Wednesday. But they boomeranged sadly when it turned out that the whole mess was a plant by a behind-the-scenes operator in the Wolden campaign.

In a radio speech, Wolden claimed San Francisco has become the national headquarters for organized sex deviates.

To support this claim he cited a resolution passed last month in Denver by the Mattachine Society, an organization dealing with the problem of homosexuality.

SLANDER SUIT

(The Society replied with a \$1.1 million slander suit against Wolden. See Page 4.)

The resolution, as made public by Wolden, praised Mayor George Christopher and Police Chief Thomas Cahill for their tolerant attitudes towards sex deviates.

It turned out yesterday, however, that the resolution was planted with the Mattachine Society.

The mysterious figure who worked the resolution through the Society during its Denver convention turned out to be William Patrick Brandhove.

EX-COMMUNIST

Brandhove was once a Communist, later a loud ex-Communist—and built up a long police record during both periods. More recently he has been performing chores for the Wolden campaign since its launching early this year.

He attended the Denver convention as a delegate and served as parliamentarian during business sessions.

The use of the Mattachine Society resolution was branded by Mayor Christopher as "the sorriest event in San Francisco's political history."

"In a blind drive for office

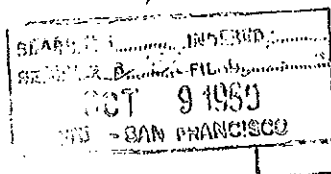
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Sex Deviate Issue a Plant

Wolden's Vice Charge Backfires

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my opponent has degraded the city," Christopher said.

"Under no circumstances would I covet any office so much that I would stoop to maligning somebody," Christopher told a meeting of the 21st District Democratic League last night in a candidates night speech.

Brandhove told The Chronicle last night that he attended the Denver convention but had absolutely nothing to do with the controversial resolution.

WHY HE JOINED

"I'm not a homosexual but I joined the Mattachine Society only to find out about its activities," he said.

Brandhove's continuing interest in the resolution, used as a campaign device by Wolden, was illustrated by the fact he telephoned Denver only ten days ago and ordered some copies of the resolution sent to him in San Francisco.

The copies were forwarded to him by air mail, special delivery and one of these appeared Wednesday in a neighborhood newspaper.

Darlene Armbeck, stenographer and notary public, who sent the copies of the resolution to Brandhove, told The Chronicle these were the only copies which have so far been released.

Brandhove, according to Mattachine Society officials, joined the society last August.

A DELEGATE

He paid his \$18 dues and attended the convention on September 4 as one of 50 delegates of the tiny organization from some 12 states.

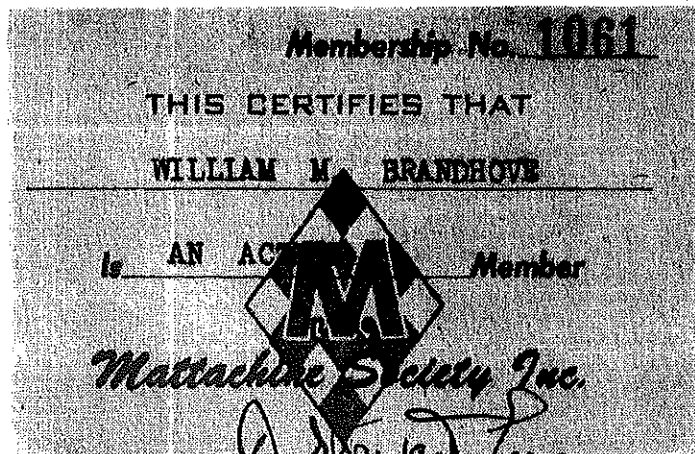
In fact, Brandhove was registered at the Albany Hotel in Denver where the convention was held and where most of the delegates stayed.

Harold L. Call, the society's director of publications, said yesterday that Brandhove's room was right next to his.

Brandhove's room became sort of the headquarters for the San Francisco delegation," said Call.

The evening, said Call, about six members of the society's executive committee met with Brandhove in his room.

At that time, Call said, Brandhove presented a draft



Card issued to Brandhove when he joined the Mattachine Society in August

of the resolution praising Christopher and Cahill.

"We thought it was unacceptable," said Call, "because it was tantamount to a political endorsement of Mayor Christopher and Chief Cahill."

During the discussion on Brandhove's suggestion, Call said, someone asked Brandhove why he was so interested in having the resolution passed by the convention.

"He told us," said Call, "that he was asked to do it by San Francisco Police Sergeant Ted Dolan and another police officer named Murphy."

POLICE SERGEANT

Sergeant Dolan, assigned to the personnel staff at the police academy, denied he had called Brandhove in Denver to make any such request.

"He called me from Denver and wanted to know if I knew anybody in the Denver police department," Dolan said.

Sergeant Dolan said he was opposed to Christopher four years ago but "I'm staying out of this one."

REWORDED

Call said the executive committee carefully reworded the Brandhove resolution to place greater emphasis on their principles and less upon official personalities.

"This reworded resolution was made because the society sincerely appreciated the honest police administration in San Francisco in con-

trast to that in many cities where homosexuals are blackmailed by the police," said Call.

Members of the Mattachine Society executive committee who heard Brandhove urge acceptance of the resolution included Call, Carl B. Harding, Henry Foster Jr. and Donald Lucas.

HE STARTED IT

Call, Lucas and Foster yesterday gave statements to police saying that Brandhove had, in fact, initiated the idea of the controversial resolution.

Brandhove openly boasted yesterday that he is a Wolden supporter but denied he has ever received any pay from the Wolden camp.

He acted as a host at the opening of the Democratic for Wolden campaign headquarters at 47 Kearny street early last May, he said.

Also, he said, he has talked on behalf of Wolden to all his friends.

WOLDEN AIDE

Brandhove said his attorney is Ralph Taylor, who also happens to be Wolden's campaign treasurer.

Taylor, Brandhove said, was given the copies of the Mattachine Society resolution which Brandhove received from Denver.

"I told him to make sure it's used," Brandhove said.

Taylor had gone hunting yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

Brandhove said his survey of sex deviates has been

financed by himself from his savings and his small disability pension.

RULES: Bearer shall have signed the Pledge and subscribed to the Aims and Principles in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Mattachine Society Inc.

Brandhove also said that he paid from his own pocket for the trip to Denver for the Mattachine convention.

Harry Lerner, Wolden's campaign manager, said of Brandhove:

"He was never hired by me to do anything. He was never paid a nickel so far as I was concerned."

Wolden himself could not be reached for comment.

LAST SPRING

Acting Police Chief Al Nelder, who is investigating the Wolden charges, said Brandhove told police last spring that he was associated with the Wolden campaign.

Brandhove's automobile has been plastered with Wolden stickers.

Attorney Emmet Hagerty, chairman of the Democrats for Wolden, said Brandhove volunteered for a job but was turned down.

Brandhove's police record includes at least eight ar-

rests since 1930, when he was picked up in Jersey City, N. J., on a charge of sodomy.

In 1946, he received a six-months suspended sentence for being drunk in a public place.

Brandhove is known to the police and the underworld as an unreliable stool pigeon.

He was most recently in the news in the extortion trial in 1953 of gossip magazine publisher Jimmie Tarantino and bar owner Rudy Eichelbaum.

TARANTINO

Brandhove, who worked as a salesman for Tarantino, then became a stool pigeon against Tarantino for the police.

Then, he gave Tarantino an affidavit repudiating the things he had told the police.

Then, he switched again and repudiated the pro-Tarantino affidavit.

Back in 1948, Brandhove popped into the news in connection with a smear attempt against Congressman William Mailliard.

At that time an affidavit was circulated in which Brandhove admitted being an ex-Communist and claimed—without success—that Mailliard tried to get him to run against Mailliard's opponent, Franck Havenner, and smear Havenner as a radical.

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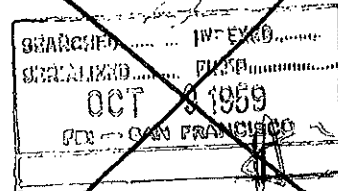
Brandhove appeared before the old State Un-American Activities Committee headed by Senator Jack Tenney and named a number of people as Reds.

Later, Brandhove became

Brandhove's card

anti-Tenney and charged the committee used him to smear Havenner when Havenner was running against former Mayor Robinson.

Brandhove refused to answer questions before the Tenney committee at this point and was arrested for contempt.



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Sex in Mayoral Campaign

Vice Charges by Wolden Backfire---Hoax Revealed



WILLIAM BRANDHOVE
He has a long record of changing sides

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Director, FBI

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re my telephone call this morning with Inspector WICK in order to keep the Bureau up to date on BRANDHOVE and, per his instructions, there are attached hereto a copy of today's issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle" and the "San Francisco Examiner" headlining an incident of the current San Francisco Mayoralty campaign.

In summary, City Assessor FUSSELL WOLDEN is the main opposition candidate for Mayor of San Francisco to GEORGE CHRISTOPHER who is seeking reelection. There is no question but what CHRISTOPHER will be reelected and that WOLDEN has a complete outside chance of ever being elected. During the last several weeks the WOLDEN campaign executive group has fallen apart and his two top aides have quit him. In an effort to get an arguable issue, it appears that WOLDEN hired BRANDHOVE as an aide and that BRANDHOVE went to Denver, Colorado, last month and got a resolution passed by the MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, an organization dealing with problems of homosexuality, commending the San Francisco Police Department, Chief of Police THOMAS CAHILL and Mayor CHRISTOPHER for their tolerant and understanding attitudes towards sex deviates.

Based on this resolution, WOLDEN, in a radio speech the day before yesterday, charged CHRISTOPHER's administration itself and the Police Department with failing to handle this problem and said that San Francisco had become the national headquarters for homosexuals in the United States. While WOLDEN's speech raised an issue, it did not get too much coverage. However, now that the press has discovered the hoax by BRANDHOVE and WOLDEN and has interviewed the officers of the MATTACHINE FOUNDATION in which they state that it was a hoax, the whole matter has been blown up into terrific headlines and undoubtedly will be argued back and forth to the extreme in the next several weeks.

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Two additional points are pertinent: First, that BRANDHOVE has disappeared and, secondly, that the MATTACHINE FOUNDATION has sued WOLDEN for a million dollars slander suit on the basis that WOLDEN had called the society an organization of "sex deviates." This suit was filed in the San Francisco Superior Court for a million dollars exemplary damages, a hundred thousand dollars in general damages and \$3500 for loss of income in dues and donations which will result from the WOLDEN statement.

The Bureau will be kept promptly advised of any additional data concerning this in order to be up to date.

SAC (100-25350)

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 10/26/59 PCI [REDACTED] furnished two postcards. The first one, orange in color, bore a map of San Francisco and above the map stated "Christopher's Clean Town" and below the map said, "Black squares indicate approximate location of authenticated homosexual hangouts." The other side of the postcard bore the following:

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"An excerpt from the Mattachine Review, October 1959 issue:

"SAN FRANCISCO IS THE CRADLE OF THE YOUNG HOMOSEXUAL MOVEMENTS IN THE U.S."

"To help defray expenses in bringing these 'vital truths' to the public, contributions may be sent to:

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The second card, which was green in color, bore a caricature of Mayor CHRISTOPHER showing him bound hand and foot with balls and chain, representing the three San Francisco newspapers. In his hand CHRISTOPHER has a paper indicating that his dairy sold \$382,000 worth of milk to the city and the card said "Conflict of Interests?", "Who has the Control?" The other side of this card said:

" 'It's not the ethics, but the illegality of conflict of interests that concerns the public.'"

[REDACTED] was forced to resign! Where is the difference?

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"To help defray expenses in bringing these 'vital truths' to the public, contributions may be sent to:

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[] said it was his understanding that many thousands of these cards were distributed at the 49-er - Chicago Bear football game on 10/25/59 and that they were printed by [] a printing outfit at 372 Ellis St., San Francisco.

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AGENCY CHECK FORM

FILE NO.

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DATE

15 Feb 1960

TO:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

FROM:

COMMANDER REGION I

115th CIC Gp.

P. O. Box 2189

San Francisco, Calif

SUBJECT

Mattachine Associates

ALIASES

AGENCY TO BE CONTACTED
(Check one per page)☐ FBI☐ G-2☐ ONI☐ I & H☐ POLICE☐☐

ADDRESS

693 Mission Street
San Francisco, California

OTHER ADDRESSES

PLACE OF BIRTH

DATE OF BIRTH

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT

RACE

☐ WHITE☐ COLORED

SEX

☐ FEMALE☐ MALE

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

COLOR OF HAIR

COLOR OF EYES

MARITAL STATUS

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS (Scars, Amputations, etc.)

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

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REQUEST CHECK OF:

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-26685)

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SA [redacted]

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On 10/22/60 [redacted]

[redacted] voluntarily furnished the following information
to writer at the San Francisco Office. [redacted]

[redacted] Further details of the interview are set out
by separate memorandum under the caption [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he had been in touch with the
Mattachine Society but disagreed with its approach to the problem of
homosexuality, which he felt was immoral. He explained that he believed
the society was endeavoring to make homosexuality generally accepted.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] professionally
advised either the Society or some of its members. Recommendation:
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① - San Francisco (100-26685)

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SAC [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
PSI

Remy memo 11/14/60.

PSI contacted writer on 11/29/60 at which time he was seeking employment.

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He mentioned that he had visited the Mattachine Society, SF, on only one occasion and that was at a time when persons there were preparing some sort of brief for a Court. While there the name of [REDACTED] was mentioned as an attorney who was consulted by the Society or its members.

PSI stated he did not recall names of any of the persons whom he met on this occasion.

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As previously noted, due to PSI's unsettled status [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] no development of him as a PSI at this time is contemplated.

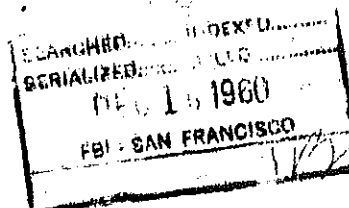
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lcc - Mattachine Society (100-37394)

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All-Male Dance Raided

State agents early yesterday raided an all male party where couples danced to a hi fi set. The agents arrested an amateur bartender for selling liquor without a license.

Booked at City Prison and later released on \$1,050 bail was Athello Bowman, 36, an accountant of 1707 Oak St.

Inspectors Jack Tompkins and Dave Toschi of the police sex detail accompanied the liquor control agents on the raid at a house at 1700 Diamond St. They said it had been rented for the party.

Tompkins said the affair was sponsored by the Mattachine Society, a national organization with headquarters here dedicated to promoting better public understanding of homosexuality.

He said none of the guests was arrested.

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (94-1001)

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SA [REDACTED]

LEAGUE FOR CIVIL EDUCATION
CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE -
HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITIES

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Re FD-71 of SA [REDACTED] 5/15/61.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

On 5/16/61, [REDACTED] advised that SU 1-2940 was listed to [REDACTED] a business telephone for Strait and Associates, who are in the wallcovering business.

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On 5/16/61, Inspector [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, San Francisco Police Department, furnished the following information:

A police report from the Northern Station of the SFPD dated 5/8/61, reflected that on this date an officer of the SFPD entered the Polk Gulch Bar, 2225 Polk Street, a known homosexual hangout. At this time, [REDACTED] told the officer that an organization called League for Civil Education (LCE) had recently been formed to represent homosexuals, but [REDACTED] claimed to have no additional knowledge, but furnished a handbill entitled "Facts About the League for Civil Education," (LCE):

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"LCE will provide financial aid when your civil rights are violated or threatened.

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1 - 94-843
1 - 94-283
1 - 100-37394

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"LCE will provide, without cost, referral services free from all discrimination, in connection with employment, housing and personal counseling.

"LCE was formed and is operated by people you know. They will work to better your lot in society.

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"LCE has a telephone answering service. Call SUTter 1-2940, give the operator your name and how to contact you. One of the Board Members will return your call and answer any question you might have.

"UNITED WE STAND--DIVIDED WE FALL."

On 5/17/61, Inspector [] furnished the following additional information which was contained in reports furnished to the Intelligence Unit of the San Francisco PD from various details of the SFFD:

Report dated 3/28/61, concerning "gay" bars in San Francisco as furnished originally to [] State of California, ABC:

"On Tuesday, March 28, 1961 at 1:55 p.m. a conference was held in the Northern Coastal Area Office between [] Previous to the conference, [] had telephoned [] and requested an appointment.

"During the conference [] volunteered the following information:

- "1. Chicago gangster money is moving into San Francisco for the purpose of taking over some of the 'gay bars.' Supposedly they already have 'fronts' operating two establishments in San Francisco, namely

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The Hideaway and The Jumping Frog. He also stated that last Sunday, March 26, 1961, there were six real 'hoods' in The Hideaway.

"2. The organization of the 'gay bars' is being done by a group headed by a person named [redacted] of Cook County, Illinois. At present this mob supposedly has the only real large 'gay bar' in Chicago, Illinois, which is permitted to run openly.

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"3. At present the mob has organized six 'gay bars' in Los Angeles, one of which is the Red Raven. [redacted] will furnish us with a list of the other five establishments in the near future.

"4. Chicago money is also moving into the wholesale liquor business in California.

"5. He [redacted] has been hearing about the activities of this mob for the past two months. Some of his information was secured by him from a man named [redacted]

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"In talking about another subject, [redacted] stated that a person named [redacted] had offered him the establishment known as "On The Hill" in San Francisco. In making the offer, [redacted] asked [redacted] if he could handle the necessary 'pay-offs' to San Francisco Police Officers."

Report dated 3/21/61, from the General Works Detail, SFPD, relative to the formation of the LGE for a meeting to be held this date at 90 Market Street, San Francisco, at 8:00 p.m. Reporting officers were Inspectors [redacted]

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"Upon instruction of Lieutenant [redacted] reporting officers attended the above meeting and respectfully report the following:

"We were admitted to the meeting freely as Police Officers, being greeted on entry by GUY STRAIT, who acted as chairman and appears to be the organizer of the above league.

"The assistant chairman was JOSE SARRIA, manager of The Bendatera Corp., representing The Black Cat Tavern.

"Purpose of the meeting was the formation of an organization to be called, 'LEAGUE FOR CIVIL EDUCATION.' STRAIT began by accusing law enforcement agencies of harassment of homosexuals, patrons of gay bars and other 'non-conformists.' He cited examples of checking of ID in these establishments and the overnight 'looking up' of persons on the street, who failed to produce identification. He stated that said organization was NOT to be: Communist, affiliated with any other organization or business. And that his aim was to guarantee the right to assemble lawfully and that no person shall be deprived of liberty or property without due process. He went on to say that he plans to organize the patrons of said gay places by recruiting membership and collecting dues. Said organization would police themselves, that is, clear the parks of loitering homosexuals, remove the swishers and male prostitutes from the streets and refuse service to anyone conducting themselves in an offensive manner in any of the organized establishments. He went on to say that they DO NOT intend to organize the gay bars, but to organize the patrons, THRU the aid of the Gay Bar owners. He also plans to 'educate the layman' and to use the elective powers to bring about public acceptance of homosexuals. He cited a figure of 50,000 such votes in S.F.

"STRAIT's plan of action is that within two weeks of this date, a news letter will be distributed at ten cents a copy along with placards, and demonstrations will take place in said taverns for the purpose of recruiting membership.

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"On April 1, 1961, he plans to have the membership drive under way.

"The meeting was open to discussion, however most of the speaking was done by STRAIT and SARRIA. SARRIA seemed to be the strongest supporter.

"GUY STRAIT is described as follows: WMA, 40 yrs.,



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"The meeting was comprised of nineteen persons, some of whom we were not able to identify as they did not want to have their identities disclosed at this time, however, the following persons and organizations were represented:

"HAROLD L. CALL, editor of the Mattachine Revue and Publicity Director of said organization, (Mattachine Society).

"DON CORVELLO, owner of Don's Restaurant, Leavenworth and Pine.

"MAURICE LIMASA, owner of Maurice's Tavern, 57 Powell Street.

"Representatives of:

"THE BLACK CAT TAVERN

"BOND STREET

"JACKS WATERFRONT

"TAYBUSH

"DAUGHTERS OF BOLITIS."

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Report dated 3/30/61, of Lt. [redacted]
General Works Detail, based on interview with [redacted]
[redacted] of the LGE. At that time a business card was obtained
from [redacted] reflecting his business [redacted]

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[redacted] The text of the interview was furnished in the form
of notes made by [redacted] which notes he had used at the
meeting of his organization on 3/21/61 at 90 Market Street,
San Francisco.

"First let me answer some questions:

"Who am I: [redacted] just a plain citizen interested in the
preservation of the American way of life and seeing
San Francisco remain a place where I want to live.
If anyone is interested in statistics etc. I shall
be glad to give them. If enough are interested I
shall mimeograph the information and pass it out.

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"Who is the guy sitting next to him: This is [redacted] known
to most of you.

"What is his interest: Exactly the same as mine.

"What is the League for Civil Education: This is a little more
difficult. It is easier for the benefit of some of you to say
what it is not.

"1. This is not an anti-police organization.

"2. This is not a John Birch organization, it is not
a communist organization, it is not affiliated with any organization,
or any business of any type or description. It will not be
affiliated with any type business or organization.

"3. It is not the intention to violate any law,
regulation, dictum, or ordinance. So what is it: Put in a nut-
shell this organization is dedicated primarily to the preservation
of two American ideals:

"1. The right of the people to peaceably assemble shall not be
abridged.

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"2. No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law.

'When these words were written Mr. MADISON and Mr. JEFFERSON they did not have in mind that three fingered people are excluded, that albinos were excluded, that cross-eyes people were excluded or that homosexual people were excluded and we do not feel that were they alive today they would exclude any of these groups.

'Now as to the purposes of this meeting. It is difficult to arrive to the purpose without discoursing on the problems but briefly. 'It is the purpose of this meeting to try to arrive at a point wherein this organization can help to provide a more satisfactory understanding between non-conformist and law enforcement agencies. Now why ask the operators of certain bars? It is thru these media that this organization hopes to gain the ear of their patrons seeking membership and moderation. Without the cooperation of any outsiders this could be attained but in the meantime murder, robbery, and other important matters of the police and courts would have to be whorted while the taxpayers money is spent in piecemeal matters of lewd vag, checking ID, and a hundred other small unimportant arrests. Now as to the problem.

"1. Certain bars in this city are being harrassed with the following types of nuisance:

"a. Customers being stopped outside the doors asking for certain information, some of which is probably legal: Name, address, and where do you work. The last question is probably intended as intimidation.

"b. Citizens are being stopped on the streets and if they cannot provide immediate identification, locked up overnight.

"c. Citizens are being harrassed in bars by such things as 'we don't like faggots in SF;' if objection is made to this sort of thing they are booked as 'interfering with arrest.'

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"d. Citizens are being taken out of bars as being drunk, regardless of how much they have had to drink.

"These are but a few of the too numerous things to itemize. I am sure that if this were happening at the Top of the Mark, at Paolis, at the Starlight Roof, at the Oak Room, at Beres, At Gold Street, and at Varnis (all respectable establishments), then no one would have a question about Law Enforcement. Having had drinks at all of these places and at most of the places that some of you gentlemen run I have my doubts as to such a thing happens there, and having lived in both societies, I doubt if I could say which one had the greatest amount of law breakers.

"Now can we have expressions from you people as to things that I may have overlooked or expressions from other persons as regards them the problem.

"The next items for discussion is whether anything should be done. I will reserve my comments after I have heard from you. We feel that not only something should be done but that something must be done. Surrender of rights is something like giving a politician passing a new tax, it may say only for a little while, but taxes are never repealed and rights are never gained.

"3. How to improve relations with law enforcement agencies:

"This is not easy to do. More and more the American people are looking on the law as their enemy. This is wrong. It is difficult however to tell people that the police are your friends when you get a fast shuffle when you report a robbery or a beating and then go to your favorite bar and find 6 policemen checking IDs for the obvious reason of embarrassment. It is difficult to tell a policeman about someone handling pills pills when you have just got thru serving 29 days for using the women's can in a place where women rarely go and the door was locked anyhow.

"Nevertheless this is what we propose to do.

"We will cooperate with all law enforcement agencies both generally and specifically but will oppose them at any time

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civil rights are violated. We will specifically: Report glory holes, report dope situations, unhealthy public areas in parks, etc. and in any other way possible. These reports will be made to the Chief of Police or to whoever he designates. It is our sincere desire to cooperate with the local police, the ABO, the district attorney at any time they desire our help in removing nonconformity from the public eye.

"May I have suggestions in this line from you gentlemen:

"The next phase of this meeting is a little misphrased in the invitation.

"First I want to tell you what we are going to do:

"1. Defend the right of citizens to peaceably assemble and see that the persons are not deprived of liberty or property without due process of law.

"2. Keep a running scoreboard of Judges and work for the election of persons more attuned to the realities of life in the next election. In this respect let me remind you that there are at least 50,000 voting non-conformists in SF.

"3. We will work for the replacement of any official weather high or low violating civil rights.

"4. Prevail on such people as the district attorney, the police, the ABO, the Univ. of Calif. and the Health Dept. and so forth to address groups in bars, if legal.

"5. Provide for low cost job referral service.

"6. Publish a newsletter.

"7. Actively work at providing a responsible non-conformist segment of the population of San Francisco.

"May I head suggestions:

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"Now how is this to be achieved. The timetable is this. Within the next two weeks a newsletter and placards will be distributed. The newsletter will be sold to the bars at 10¢ a copy and they can either sell them or give them away. Persons wanting advertising in the newsletter can buy it at what they think it is worth. No fixed rate. It will be rough at first but later refined.

"On Mar. 8, with your permission your place of business will be visited by a eye catching 10 minute demonstration telling about a membership drive. On April 4 a meeting will be held to accept membership fees and the organization is then operative. You may either express your desire to be included now or express that desire after you have had time to think it over."

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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- (1) Will conduct additional background investigation to further identify
 - (2) Will contact Department of Corporations to determine details of corporate charter for the LCE.
 - (3) Will maintain contact with the Intelligence Unit, SFPD, to determine any additional information relative to the proposed activities of the LCE as pertains to law enforcement.

San Francisco, California

June 5, 1961

LEAGUE FOR CIVIL EDUCATION

On May 11, 1961, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was furnished the following information by Inspector [redacted] Intelligence Unit, San Francisco Police Department:

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(Mattachine Society)

1 - 62- (Homosexual Activity in SF Div.)

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 16, 1961, that Sutter 1-2940 was a business telephone, subscribed to [redacted]

[redacted] a wall-covering firm at that location under the name Strait and Associates.

On May 17, 1961, Inspector [redacted] furnished a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the following data, contained in reports which had been furnished to the Intelligence Unit from various details of the SFPD:

A report dated March 28, 1961, concerning "gay" bars in San Francisco, as furnished originally to [redacted] State of California Alcoholic Beverage Control, disclosed that on March 28, 1961, a conference was held between [redacted]

During the conference, [redacted]

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A report dated March 21, 1961, from the General Works Detail, SFPD, regarding the formation of the League for Civil Education, reflected that a meeting was scheduled to be held at 90 Market Street, San Francisco, at 8 p.m., and officers of the SFPD, who were assigned to attend the meeting, reported the following information:

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A report by [redacted] Lieutenant. General Works Detail, SFPD, regarding an interview with [redacted] of the LCE, dated 3/30/61, indicated the text of the interview was furnished in the form of notes made by [redacted] and which notes had been used by [redacted] at the meeting of his organization on March 21, 1961, at 90 Market Street, San Francisco. [redacted] notes are set forth as follows:

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 - "d. Citizens are being taken out of bars as being drunk, regardless of how much they have had to drink.

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"These are but a few of the too numerous things to itemize. I am sure that if this were happening at the Top of the Mark, at Paolis, at the Starlight Roof, at the Oak Room, at Doreas, at Gold Street, and at Varnis (all respectable establishments), then no one would have a question about law enforcement. Having had drinks at all of these places and at most of the places that some of you gentlemen run, I have my doubts as to such a thing happens there, and having lived in both societies, I doubt if I could say which one had the greatest amount of law breakers.

"Now can we have expressions from you people as to things that I may have overlooked or expressions from other persons as regards them the problem.

"The next items for discussion is whether anything should be done. I will reserve my comments after I have heard from you. We feel that not only something should be done but that something must be done. Surrender of rights is something like giving a politician passing a new tax; it may say only for a little while, but taxes are never repealed and rights are never gained.

"2. How to improve relations with law enforcement agencies:

"This is not easy to do. More and more the American people are looking on the law as their enemy. This is wrong. It is difficult, however, to tell people that the police are your friends when you get a fast shuffle when you report a robbery or a beating and then go to your favorite bar and find 6 policemen checking IDs for the obvious reason of embarrassment. It is difficult to tell a policeman about someone handling pills when you have just got thru serving 29 days for using the women's can in a place where women rarely go and the door was locked anyhow.

"Nevertheless this what we propose to do.

"We will cooperate with all law enforcement agencies both generally and specifically but will oppose them at any time civil rights are violated. We will specifically:

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Report glory holes, report dope situations, unhealthy public areas in parks, etc., and in any other way possible. These reports will be made to the Chief of Police or to whoever he designates. It is our sincere desire to cooperate with the local police, the ABC, the district attorney at any time they desire our help in removing nonconformity from the public eye.

"May I have suggestions in this line from you gentlemen:

"The next phase of this meeting is a little mis-phrased in the invitation.

"First I want to tell you what we are going to do:

- "1. Defend the right of citizens to peaceably assemble and see that the persons are not deprived of liberty or property without due process of law.
- "2. Keep a running scoreboard of Judges and work for the election of persons more attuned to the realities of life in the next election. In this respect let me remind you that there are at least 50,000 voting nonconformists in SF.
- "3. We will work for the replacement of any official whether high or low violating civil rights.
- "4. Prevail on such people as the district attorney, the police, the ABC, the Univ. of Calif., and the Health Dept., and so forth to address groups in bars, if legal.
- "5. Provide for low cost job referral service.
- "6. Publish a newsletter.
- "7. Actively work at providing a responsible non-conformist segment of the population of San Francisco.

"May I head suggestions:

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"Now how is this to be achieved. The timetable is this. Within the next two weeks a newsletter and placards will be distributed. The newsletter will be sold to the bars at 10¢ a copy and they can either sell them or give them away. Persons wanting advertising in the newsletter can buy it at what they think it is worth. No fixed rate. It will be rough at first but later refined.

"On March 8, with your permission, your place of business will be visited by an eye catching 10 minute demonstration telling about a membership drive. On April 4 a meeting will be held to accept membership fees and the organization is then operative. You may either express your desire to be included now or express that desire after you have had time to think it over."

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**HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY IN THE
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INFORMATION CONCERNING**

RE: MATTACHINE SOCIETY

The Mattachine Society, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco, California, is a national organization with headquarters in San Francisco. Its published purpose is to promote better understanding and acceptance of homosexuals. San Francisco file 100-37394 pertains to the Society.

The current San Francisco Telephone Directory lists the Society at the above address, telephone EXbrook 7-0773. The Society is not listed in the Oakland Directory.

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SA [REDACTED] on April 28, 1961, observed that the building directory in the lobby at 693 Mission Street lists the following:

Mattachine Society, National Headquarters,
Room 308.

Mattachine Society, San Francisco Area Council,
Room 309.

"Mattachine Review," Room 304.

Pan-Graphic Press, Room 305.

Pan-Graphic Advertising, Room 305.

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A pretext inquiry by SA [REDACTED] and the Writer on April 28, 1961 (pretext: searching for an office that was in fact on the fourth floor) at the office of the Society disclosed that at least five rooms are occupied by the group, and appear to consist of an office, a waiting or

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reading room, and a general office area. The fifth room is a library or sales room, and appeared to be filled with a large quantity of pocket books and other literature dealing with sex. These publications were displayed in a manner indicating that they are sold to the public. Four men were observed in the offices, all obviously homosexuals. Two men were operating a fairly large printing press, and a quantity of mimeographed and printed material was observed in the area. An issue of the "Mattachine Review" was observed on a desk (date of issue not noted), and it would appear that this publication is still being printed.

PSI [redacted] advised SA [redacted] [redacted] on November 29, 1960, that he had visited the Society Office in San Francisco at one time, and that the name of [redacted] was mentioned as an attorney who was either consulted by the Society or by individual members (100-37394-51). He is probably identical with the [redacted]
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Los Angeles advised by letter dated May 19, 1959, that a United States Navy source reported in 1958 that the Society was founded and incorporated in California on June 7, 1952, as a secret society with headquarters in Los Angeles, and was composed mainly of sex deviates and homosexuals. On May 11, 1953, the secrecy was dropped (100-37394-41).

Los Angeles letter dated August 23, 1956, disclosed that the Mattachine Society (MS) in January-February 1955 began publication in San Francisco of the "Mattachine Review" (100-37394-33, p. 9). The Christmas 1955 issue of the "Mattachine Review" stated that area newsletters were published by the Area Councils of Los Angeles-Long Beach; Chicago, and San Francisco (100-37394, p.11 of serial 33).

On February 20, 1957, PCI [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the MS was moving its headquarters to San Francisco, due to their sanctuary in San Francisco as a Bohemian city. PCI said that the publishing department would operate as the "Pan-Graphic Press."

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On March 22, 1955, [] advised that there were Area Councils of the MS in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Long Beach, and San Diego, and that 18 chapters operated within the Councils (as subdivisions) (100-37394-33, p. 7).

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On May 12, 1954, [] furnished SA [] with two 1954 issues of the San Francisco "Mattachine Newsletter," and advised that the San Francisco Area had 34 members (100-37394-19).

In an effort to determine the feasibility of obtaining a mailing list of the Mattachine Society through examination of the issues of the "Mattachine Review" when mailed by the organization, Inspector [] U. S. Post Office, Rincon Annex, San Francisco, was interviewed by SAs [] on May 15, 1961.

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[] advised Post Office records failed to reflect that a second-class mailing permit had been issued by the Post Office Department to Pan-Graphic Advertising, the Pan-Graphic Press, the Mattachine Society, the "Mattachine Review," or the Dorian Book Service. Inasmuch as publications of the organization are not mailed through a second-class permit, which would require that they be mailed from a specific Post Office, [] concluded that the publications must therefore be mailed as first-class matter and could, accordingly, be mailed at any Post Office or Postal Box.

He noted that postal records disclosed that the Mattachine Society uses a Postal Meter, and the meter is reset through Station "K" in San Francisco.

The Dorian Book Service, according to [] is associated with, or operated by, the Mattachine Society at 693 Mission Street, San Francisco. He advised that his office had received complaints from the public regarding the bold aspect of advertising, of a homosexual nature, which was published by the Dorian Book Service. His office scrutinized the various advertisements; however, it was determined that they did not fall into an obscene category.

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[redacted] Rincon Annex, San Francisco, telephone MA 1-2500,
[redacted] advised SAs [redacted] on May 3, 1961,
that the log book at the Rincon Annex lists the following
individuals and/or organizations as receiving mail at Room
309, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco:

Mattachine Society

"Mattachine Newsletter"

Pan-Graphic Press

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A search slip, attached hereto, contains references
to the aforementioned names (not searched by the Writer).

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San Francisco [redacted] pertains to [redacted]
[redacted] who was developed by SA [redacted] as a PCI in February,
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RE: DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS

PCI [redacted] on February 20, 1957, advised that
the Daughters of Bilitis is a companion organization of the
Mattachine Society (MS), and would also operate in San Francisco.

A Los Angeles source in 1956 furnished a booklet
which contained an article that stated the first meeting of
the Women's Society, now known as the Daughters of Bilitis,
was held in San Francisco on September 21, 1955. Eight
charter members formed the group, and it was dedicated to a
program of bringing understanding to and about the Lesbian.
It met twice a month thereafter, and the total attendance was
183 in the following twenty meetings. This was the only chap-
ter then in existence (100-37394-38).

The current (September 1960) San Francisco Telephone
Directory lists the Daughters of Bilitis at 165 O'Farrell
Street, telephone YUkon 2-9290. The Writer observed on April
28, 1961, that the building directory at that location does
not list the group. The rental agent for the building is
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The Pacific Telephone Information Operator advised
the Writer on May 1, 1961, that YUkon 2-9290 had been changed
to UNDERhill 3-8196.

[redacted] advised on May 1, 1961, that UNDERhill
3-8196 is the number of the Daughters of Bilitis, 1232 Market
Street, Suite 108, San Francisco.

"ONE"

As of April 1957, "ONE" was a homosexual magazine
published by ONE, INC., 232 South Hill Street, Los Angeles.
This magazine was incorporated in California as of June 1,
1953 (100-37394-33, p. 2, 38).

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U. S. ARMY PROJECT RE HOMOSEXUALS

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Captain [] 115th CIC Group, Fort Scott, advised SA [] on April 26-27, 1961, that the 115th CIC in October 1960 initiated "Project 220" upon instructions of Colonel [] G-2. At that time, CIC personnel reviewed arrest records regarding 220 persons who had been arrested by the San Francisco Police Department since May 1960 for homosexual acts. The project was initiated to determine:

- (1) If the persons arrested held secret clearances in industries handling classified contracts under the security cognizance of the Armed Forces;
- (2) were in the Armed Forces (active or reserve); or
- (3) were civilian employees of the Army.

If birth dates were available regarding the persons arrested, their names were then checked through the records at Fort Holabird, Maryland.

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Major [] of Personnel Security Investigation, G-2, Presidio of San Francisco, advised SA [] on April 27, 1961, that the above project, as of November 29, 1960, had resulted in a review of the arrest records of 217 persons. Of these, 196 were of no interest to the Armed Forces; 6 were pending, and 15 were of interest. The 15 persons included two civilian employees of the Department of the Army, two Navy personnel, one Air Force, and ten U.S. Army personnel (active or reserve).

[] advised that the appropriate branch of the Armed Forces, or the proper government agency, has been advised of the identity of the above arrests.

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[] advised that "Project 220" was considered completed in the latter part of 1960, and "Project 440" was initiated. This was an extension of "Project 220," and consisted of a review of arrest records for homosexuality plus

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sex deviates and prostitution. Records are reviewed by CIC personnel in all major cities in the Sixth Army area; Salt Lake City, Seattle, Portland, San Diego, and San Francisco. The exception is Los Angeles, which has not as yet been included, due to the obviously time-consuming aspect of such a survey in Los Angeles. It was noted that records from Portland are not complete, due to a shortage of CIC personnel in Portland at this time.

"Project 440," as of April 21, 1961, had effected a review of 582 cases, with the following breakdown:

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1 - [redacted]
10 - [redacted]
3 - [redacted]
5 - Civilian (employees of industrial firms of interest to the Industrial Security Division).

G-2 files disclose that the Los Angeles and San Diego Police Departments promptly notify the appropriate agency of the arrest of Armed Forces personnel or civilian employees of the government.

Attached are two 115th CIC memos, for information only.

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"CLOAK & DAGGER"

On May 26, 1961, SAs [redacted] while engaging in a surveillance concerning a security matter, observed that the "Cloak & Dagger," 1224 Polk Street, San Francisco, is a retail store dealing in "custom leather work." Several obvious homosexual males were observed to enter the store during a short period of time. Agents observed that various items of leather clothing were displayed in the store windows, and concluded that the store catered to a masochistic clientele.

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SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS

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Inspector [redacted] in charge of the Sex Squad of the General Works Detail, San Francisco Police Department, advised SAs [redacted] on May 3, 1961, that the following attorneys in San Francisco at this time handle the bulk of the cases involving sex deviates:

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[redacted] stated that, although he is well acquainted with the Mattachine Society, his Squad does not have a reliable source who is in a position to furnish information regarding the Society. He observed that, in addition to the "Mattachine Review," the Mattachine Society apparently acts as a legal referral agency to homosexuals involved in various legal problems.

[redacted] advised that, in the event a person is arrested for homosexual activity and it is determined that the individual is a school teacher, his office advises [redacted] Division of Departmental Administration, State Department of Education, 721 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California. If the individual is a San Francisco school teacher, his Squad advises [redacted], and in addition advises [redacted] for the San Francisco Board of Education.

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[redacted] noted that either three or four school teachers have been arrested by his Squad during the past year, and that these individuals have all been from San Mateo County.

In the event a doctor is arrested, his office notifies the Sacramento Board of Medical Examiners (if the individual resides outside of San Francisco) and advises [redacted] if the doctor resides in San Francisco.

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[] observed that in the event a civilian employee of a city, county, state, or Federal Government Agency; or in the event of the arrest of a member of the Armed Forces, the appropriate military or civilian agency is advised, either orally or in writing, of the arrest.

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[] related that 97 individuals were arrested by his Squad in the lewd or sex-deviate category in February 1961, and that this figure is fairly consistent throughout the year. He advised that an individual, when arrested, is required to furnish his name, address, and employment, but that his Squad does not verify the accuracy of this information, unless the individual thereafter fails to appear in court. In this respect, he noted that a school teacher could state that he was employed as a stock clerk, and his Squad would not possibly become aware of this deception.

[] advised that the men on the Sex Squad are not in a position to become aware of any political sympathies on the part of homosexuals, and that he has had no indication of pro-communist or pro-Soviet activity by homosexuals, possibly in view of the numerous other problems with which homosexuals are concerned.

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[] advised that the Sex Squad maintains at its office in the General Works Detail, San Francisco Police Department, four file drawers, consisting of index cards pertaining to homosexual suspects, and these cards extend back approximately ten years. The Squad also maintains an index drawer pertaining to the location of arrests for homosexual activity, such as theaters, bars, parks, and so forth. A drawer of license numbers is also maintained.

[] advised that the Squad compiled the following list of bars, catering to sex deviates, on August 19, 1960, together with the identity of the owners or operators of the bar. He noted that this list may at this time not be accurate, due to the normal changes in policy of bar operators or the idiosyncrasies of sex deviates:

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BAR

Jack's Waterfront Hangout,
111 Embarcadero

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Ensign Cafe Corp.,
#1 Market Street.

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Silver Dollar,
64 Eddy Street.

Rick's, 1566 Hyde Street.

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Fez, 162 Turk Street.

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Paper Doll, 524 Union.

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Fang Club, 585 Post.

Handle Bar, 1438 California.

Don's, 1192 Pine Street.

Criterion, 576 Geary.

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Nellie's, 789 Howard Street.

OWNERS

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OWNERS

Gordon's, 840 Samson St.

Who Cares, 782 Haight St.

The Front, 600 Front St.

27 Club, 27 Embarcadero

Opus One, 734 Montgomery St.

Our Club, 1342 Pacific

Kelly's, 800 Fulton St.

Big Glass, 1801 Fillmore

The Stained Glass

LEAGUE FOR CIVIL EDUCATION
(94-1001)

Inspector [redacted] advised on May 3, 1961, that

[redacted] had recently organized the "League for Civil Education." This organization proposes to provide legal assistance to homosexuals, and data contained in Police Department files, regarding the League and [redacted] is set forth in 94-1001.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a 62-New file be opened regarding "HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY IN THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION," as of possible value in coordinating information coming to the attention of this office regarding homosexual activity, in view of the possible value in future criminal and security investigations.

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**HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITIES
IN SAN FRANCISCO**

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[REDACTED] Mattachine Society, were interviewed at their offices at 693 Mission Street, San Francisco, by SA [REDACTED]. During the course of conversation with these individuals, [REDACTED] produced a copy of the Hearings Before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee of the Judiciary United States Senate, Eighty-Seventh Congress, First Session. This hearing report is entitled, "Fair Play for Cuba Committee". [REDACTED] pointed out that on page 119 in the appendix of this report appeared the following quotation corresponding to CALL:

"WILLIAM CLARK

"Perhaps the commonest expression of dissent in America consists in forming a special limited group of citizens to help educate and persuade others that a clear-cut reform is needed somewhere in the community. One such group is the Mattachine Society, the aims of which are explained by its director of publications, Harold Call.

"HAROLD CALL

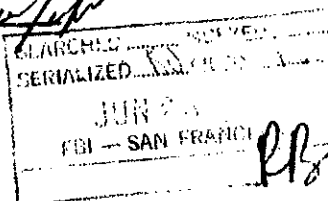
"Well, the Mattachine Society is an organization of laymen which is endeavouring to educate the general public and the homosexual about the prob-

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"lems of homosexuality in our culture today as well as a number of other problems concerning sex deviation and the adjustments thereto.

"Our programme in a nutshell is to advocate a change of law in our 50 states which will make it no longer criminal when adults engage in sexual activity in private where both partners are willing and where there is no harm or force involved.

"There is quite an antisequal attitude in the United States. We're not just an antihomosexual country. (In many ways we're an antisequal country). However, on the other hand, we're a very hypocritical country about it because for instance almost everything in our advertising in connection with almost any product, whether it's food or an automobile or an automatic washing machine or a cosmetic or whatever else is designed to make everyone more sexually attractive it seems, and more rested, so he is or she is enabled to enjoy the act of sex. Yet we come right up to a wall where we say beyond this, when your're ready, we must not go.

"Dr. Alfred Kinsey, when he looks at the sexual foibles of a country like ours, can see some fun in it perhaps. He said that, at a lecture in San Francisco in February 1957, he said "Ladies and Gentlemen, if all the sex laws of the State of California were rigidly enforced 95 percent of you wouldn't be here tonight--you'd be in jail". Dr. Kinsey was right because the sex laws in this country are such that they would touch just about everyone.

"WILLIAM CLARK

"Mr. Call had this to say about the future of the society's campaign.

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"HAROLD CALL

"I think that because of the attention that's being given (in England) today to the recommendations of the Wolfenden Committee that there's a good change there'll be some action of this particular committee's recommendations within the next few years and after that I think then the subject will start drawing more widespread and serious attention in this country and we do have a change."

CALL claimed that he was at a loss as to how the above information corresponded to him should be in this Congressional report. A copy of the above-described Senate Hearing is being designated for the San Francisco file entitled FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, file number 97-347.

[redacted] advised that on the evening of 7/24/61, [redacted] is sponsoring a public meeting in the public assembly room in the San Francisco Public Library. The matter for discussion will be the California Disorderly Conduct Statute.

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[redacted] advised he has met [redacted] on several occasions but said he knew very little about [redacted] background. He is of the understanding that [redacted] came from the State of Texas and that he is attempting to establish an organization somewhat similar in scope to that of the Mattachine Society. [redacted] stated that the wall covering service and the telephone number thereof is actually a front and is a telephone answering service. [redacted] assured him that any pertinent information which he might ascertain which would be of interest to the police, [redacted] would furnish to them. [redacted] is also attempting to establish a fund to be used to defray expense of bail bonds. The bonds would be posted by homosexuals who were members of [redacted] organization.

[redacted] advised that they would supply SFO with copies of the Mattachine Review which is the Mattachine Society publication. They were directed to mail this publication to [redacted] It is suggested that this publication, when received, be exhibited in the captioned file (94-843).

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[redacted] further advised that the Mattachine Society had recently undergone a reorganization. They have eliminated the various previously authorized chapters throughout the United States and that there is but one organization, namely, in existence and that its national headquarters are 693 Mission Street, San Francisco. He pointed out that in several instances where the chapter had been disbanded in another city they have formed clubs, but these clubs have no status like the national organization.

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[redacted] stated they would be willing to cooperate with the FBI in assisting and locating homosexuals whether they are members of the Society or not. Both pointed out, however, that they do not disclose any information relating to the personal lives or affairs of the members or to furnish a membership list.

[redacted] stated that there is being formulated a TV hour long program to be broadcast sometime in September, 1961, from Channel 9, KQED. The topic for discussion will be Homosexuals. [redacted] stated he has agreed to appear on this program, and he has been advised that several prominent physicians and psychiatrists are also going to appear on the panel. The date for this program has not yet been fixed.

Vice Case to Test Public 'Tolerance'

The weekend raid on the Tay-Bush, one of San Francisco's wide open "gay" spots, has become the focal point for an attempt to gain public tolerance toward homosexuals.

The Mattachine Society, a national organization dedicated to public education of the problems of homosexuality, has thrown its support behind the 98 persons facing charges in connection with the raid early Sunday morning. The Examiner learned yesterday.

In addition, other established "gay" places throughout the country have offered aid in a fight for the right of sexual deviates to meet in public without "persecution" by police.

103 ARRESTED

The police raid on the after hours cafe at Bush and Taylor Sts., resulted in 103 arrests, including 14 women.

All appeared for arraignment on misdemeanor charges in Municipal Court here yesterday. Five won dismissals on the plea that they were strangers from the East without prior knowledge of the character of the place.

The others either entered not guilty pleas or asked for time to consult with their attorneys. Trial dates will be set Friday for the former.

Those yet to plead will return to court Aug. 22.

Robert Johnson, 27, proprietor of the Tay-Bush, was arraigned on three alleged violations of State, police and health codes. He pleaded not guilty.

Johnson acknowledged out of court that his place, a club open from 6 p. m. to 6 a. m., was recognized as a gathering spot for homosexuals.

"But that doesn't make it a 'disorderly place,'" he said. His position was that deviates have the same rights to meet publicly as any other persons.

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He denied the arresting officers' allegations that men were dancing together or kissing. He said the place was so jammed that it was impossible to move about without a certain amount of body contact.

Johnson arranged bail for many of his customers and provided legal counsel for those who desired it.

The Mattachine Society, whose headquarters is in San Francisco, arranged for an at-

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torney to represent the group and agreed to act as "custodian" for a defense fund to help fight the case.

Harold L. Call, a society officer, said the society has also agreed to take care of the cost of printing briefs in the event the defendants are convicted and must appeal to a higher court.

FACE LONG FIGHT

"We are prepared to fight this through the courts," he said. "It must be determined through legal process whether these actions (by police) are not a violation of basic civil rights."

The Mattachine Society has a national membership of only 250 persons, but another 750 give active support to the organization.

It's basic tenet is set forth in the preamble to the society's constitution:

"That all mankind may live without fear and prejudice regardless of their sexual orientation."

Memorandum



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-37394)

DATE: 11/28/61

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MATTOCHINE FOUNDATION
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Inspector [REDACTED] on 11/17/61 orally advised the writer that [REDACTED] has recently been made attorney for the Mattochine Foundation.

RECOMMENDATION: Submitted for information purposes only.

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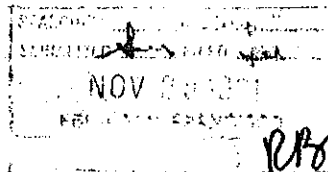
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HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITIES

On 1/17/62, the writer attended a meeting of the East Bay Intelligence Group at the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center, Alameda County, California, in the capacity of an observer. This meeting was addressed by a speaker from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Unit who furnished background information concerning the operations of the Mattachine Society and the "League for Civil Education," a California corporation having offices at 1154 Kearney Street, San Francisco.

Concerning the Mattachine Society which has offices at 693 Mission Street, San Francisco, California, the ABC representative stated that this organization has financial difficulties for approximately \$6,000 in debt and that the operations of this organization have almost been discontinued except for the publishing of the "Mattachine Review." He identified [REDACTED] of this organization.

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The ABC representative also spoke on the operations and organizational structure of the "League for Civil Education" which he described as a militant organization which is fighting the vagrancy laws and is endeavoring to do everything it can to discredit law enforcement. He identified the key people of this organization as [REDACTED]

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The attorneys for this organization are [REDACTED]

The first known meeting of the "League for Civil Education" was held on 3/21/61, at 90 Market Street, San Francisco. [REDACTED]

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Additional comments by the ABC representative are being quoted as follows:

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"The L.C.E. conducted it's first membership drives by holding scheduled meetings in the 'homo' bars in S.F. during the spring of 1961. [redacted] and others visited the bars, outlined the purposes of the LCE, pointed out to the fruits that they could exert political pressure if they organized; and then solicited memberships (at that time they were screening applicants). This investigator attended one of the meetings at the Polk Gulch in April, 1961. The L.C.E. then held public meetings at the main library in S.F. during the summer of 1961. [redacted] conducted the meetings. At one meeting [redacted] gave legal advice as to how they (fruits) should conduct themselves in their relations with law enforcement - main attention to 'rights.' One of these meetings was attended by this investigator.

"There appears to be no connection between LCE and Mattachine.

"Homos appear to be afraid to join - fear that law enforcement and employers will obtain membership list.

"Comments at meetings and comments in L.C.E. news tend to indicate that LCE is going to continue to attack law enforcement agencies, law enforcement methods, legislation aimed at coping with the sexual deviate, and any officers that are engaged in the investigation of homes or homo premises."

Action = No Action

From OSI

1. On 10 August 1962, [redacted] Western Research Foundation, 660 Market Street, San Francisco, California, furnished Special Agent [redacted] the following information:

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Homosexuals, (and/or their representatives), throughout the United States will gather in San Francisco, California, on 15 August 1962. Convention location not known.

The purpose of the convention is to formulate plans for an all out homosexual assault upon federal and state loyalty-security programs as they apply to homosexuals.

Among other things, the conventioners will be asked to volunteer as court test cases, and tests are being planned for California, New York, and Hawaii. The homosexuals plan to charge, in the press and in court, that their acts are no more inimical to good security than a general officer who can be compromised for living with, say, a Japanese prostitute. They plan to expose several general officers' unsavory heterosexual acts, and apparently are equipped with photographs or recordings.

2. [redacted] further advised that the latest issue of the MATTACHINE REVIEW and a publication put out by the LEAGUE FOR CIVIC EDUCATION, 1154 Kearny Street, San Francisco, California (a homosexual publication and organization), contain an article regarding RICHARD SCHLEGEL, former GS-12 of Fort Shafter, Hawaii, separated from government service in 1961 for homosexual activities, who claims he will make test case on the government security program.

[redacted] indicated he has not read the foregoing articles so was unable to state whether or not SCHLEGEL has any connection with the forthcoming homosexual convention.

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3. [redacted] requested that his office be furnished any information OSI develops that might be of interest to his agency.

There have been numerous studies by Psychologists and Psychiatrists regarding homosexuals. Among these is one currently being conducted by Dr. EVELYN CALDWELL HOOKER, of the U.C.L.A. Psychology Department, who is conducting a study on homosexuals, their behavior, background, psychological aspects, mental aspects, reasons for their actions, etc., in order to determine what can be done to alleviate the sexual psychopath. Dr. HOOKER is working under a U.S. Public Health Service grant. Dr. HOOKER has carried on her research with cooperation from the MATTACHINE SOCIETY. She has written a summary of her research report. The Southern Area Council "Newsletter" of the Mattachine Society, dated 8-1-54, printed this summary of Dr. HOOKER's report. She classified the homosexual as belonging to one or several types of personality structure. The three major groups of individuals with their distribution in the homosexual group are, 1. The S type, characterized by rigid conforming and orderly behavior and by absolute acceptance of authority. He seeks gratification of his needs in personal relationships. 2. The M type, characterized by rigid conforming and orderly behavior and by absolute acceptance of authority. He seeks gratification of his needs in personal relationships. 3. The D type, characterized by rigid conforming and orderly behavior and by absolute acceptance of authority. He seeks gratification of his needs in personal relationships.

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2. The N type, characterized by highly individualized and personalized social relationships, non-conforming behavior and rejection of authority.
3. The R type, is independent of both S and N, and includes individuals who are interested in ideas, rather than persons, and maintain social relations which are distant and impersonal, and are passive and restrained in impulse. Dr. HOCKER has estimated that 1% of the homosexual group fall under type S; 13% of homosexuals fall under N type; 16% of homosexuals fall under R type, and 30% do not fall in any category which is classifiable. The remaining 40% are found in border line positions mostly close to the N and R types. Tentatively, Dr. HOCKER concluded that homosexuals vary widely in personality structure and do not constitute a distinct type. It may be that the MATFACHINE SOCIETY is not typical of the total homosexual group and that the large numbers of individuals who belong to the R. groups, constitute a select group of persons who are interested in ideas rather than persons, making possible the development of the organization.

It is noted that Chapter 103 of the MATFACHINE SOCIETY has been the Legal Chapter. This Legal Chapter had members throughout the State of California and were active in interpreting laws and directing the Society's business from a legal point of view. One, [redacted] a Los Angeles Attorney, [redacted] for the National Organization for Sex Research. He had been the Attorney for the MATFACHINE SOCIETY on the West Coast and worked quite closely with the Legal Chapter, 103. Confidential and reliable information was received that [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-37394)

DATE: 8/16/62

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SUBJECT: MATTACHINE SOCIETY

The Mattachine Society is supposed to begin its annual convention at the Jack Tar Hotel on 8/25/62.

At the Weekly Intelligence Conference on 8/14/62, the Air Force distributed a memorandum concerning this conference. OSI pointed out that from information available to it the Mattachine Society has been trying to establish the fact, legally and otherwise, that there is nothing wrong with homosexuals and that they are not security risks, either in the military, in the Government service, or working for classified contractors.

According to information available to OSI, at their convention they are planning to make an issue of the fact that the U. S. Government, and especially the military services, consider homosexuality such a fatal defect in character that homosexuals are dismissed from their positions as security risks. Consequently, according to OSI, in addition to taking this stand, the Society plans to make the point that homosexuals are no more security risks than are Generals and other officers who take foreign prostitutes as their mistresses when they are serving overseas. Allegedly, they plan to expose several general officers' unsavory acts, and allegedly are equipped with photographs or recordings.

The Air Force, as well as the other Armed Forces, requested this office to find out as much as possible about (1) the plans for proceedings of this nature at the convention, and (2) what actually takes place at the convention.

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As information is obtained it can be dictated briefly to one of the Security Squad secretaries, who will prepare a letterhead memorandum for the Bureau, with copies for DIO, OSI and G-2, for immediate local dissemination.

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Contact your PCI, [] of the Mattachine Society, immediately, determine the plans for the convention and submit a letterhead memorandum to the Bureau and the above military agencies. If SA [] is unable to make this contact, it should be handled by SA []

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SA [] also contact any other homosexual type informants available to him.

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Contact Intelligence Detail, San Francisco Police Dept., and obtain as much information as possible along the same line.

Contact homosexual informants and attempt to obtain coverage at the convention itself, as well as coverage concerning the plans for the convention.

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Contact his informants to determine what will take place at the convention and also attempt to obtain coverage at the convention itself.

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San Francisco, California
August 21, 1962

District Intelligence Officer
Twelfth Naval District
P. O. Box 3423 Rincon Annex
San Francisco, California

RE: MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is letterhead memorandum concerning captioned organization for the information of your office.

Very truly yours,

FRANK L. PRICE
Special Agent in Charge

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- 2 - G-2, 6A (Encl.2)(REG.)
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San Francisco, California

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August 21, 1962

MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.

The following information has been received from a source which has furnished reliable information in the past:

This organization has offices at 893 Mission Street, San Francisco 8, California. Following is a tentative program for the Ninth Annual Conference of the Mattachine Society, Inc., which is to be held Saturday, August 25, 1962, at the Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness and Geary, San Francisco, California:

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT

Friday, August 24th, 7:00 p.m. -- Open House and Reception for Visitors and Friends, 3rd Floor, Williams Building, 693 Mission Street (Mattachine Society Headquarters.) Refreshments.

Saturday, August 25th, 1962, Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness at Geary

9:30 AM. -- EL DORADO ROOM

Registration
Address of Welcome and Report of the President, Mattachine Society.

10:30 A.M. -- EL DORADO ROOM

Address: Dr. Edgar C. Cummings, Associate Director, American Social Health Association, San Francisco: "Progress in Venereal Disease Control."

12:15 NOON -- EL DORADO ROOM

Luncheon and Featured Address: "Changing Religious Attitudes Toward Homosexuality," Rev. Robert W. Wood, Spring Valley, New York, Congregational Minister and Author of "Christ and the Homosexual."
(Source has advised this will be tape recording.)

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RE: MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.

2:00 P.M. -- EL DORADO ROOM

"A Decade of Progress in the Homophile Movement"

Research: Evelyn Hooker, Ph. D., University of California at Los Angeles.

Law: Al Bendich, Attorney and Lecturer in Speech, University of California, Berkeley (Source advises Bendich unable to attend; will be replaced by MARSHALL KRAUSE, Staff Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union.)

Armed Forces and Government Employment:
Richard Schlager, Researcher, American University, Washington, D. C.
Discussion and Summary

6:00 P.M.

Cocktails

7:30 P.M. -- TELEGRAPH HILL ROOM

Ninth Annual Awards Banquet. Featured Address:
"Changing Attitudes Toward Homosexuality,"
Karl M. Bowman, M. D., *Director Emeritus,
Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute, University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco.
(* Subject to change.)

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Source also advised that as of August 21, 1962, the Society has 45 advance registrations for the conference and expect a total of approximately 60 in attendance.

Relative to the proposed discussion by RICHARD SCHLAGEL, noted above, an advance copy of SCHLAGEL's speech was not available, but it was source's understanding that SCHLAGEL has been in contact with certain Government officials in Washington, D. C., whose identities are unknown, and it is source's opinion that SCHLAGEL's speech will deal in part with the contention that homosexuals are not a security risk in Government service.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-37394)

DATE: 8/21/62

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.

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Rememo Supv. [REDACTED] 8/16/62.



AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

On 8/21/62, PCI [REDACTED] furnished information to SAs [REDACTED], which is incorporated in letterhead memorandum dated 8/21/62, which memorandum was disseminated to G-2, DIO and OSI locally.

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FROM : SA

SUBJECT: MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.

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In connection with the recordings furnished this Office which were taken during the Mattachine Society meetings 8/24-25/62, at the Jack Tar Hotel, the following brief summary of the respective speakers is being set forth:

RICHARD SCHLAGEL
Researcher
American University
Washington, D. C.

SCHLAGEL is spearheading a drive to force the U. S. Government, through the Department of Defense, to recognize homosexuality as not immoral. He began his talk by drawing a distinction between state governments in our constitutional system and the federal government. He stated that, "for the last twelve years this elementary lesson in political science has been overlooked and ignored by not only the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but all of the Army, Navy, and Air Force intelligence agencies."

Throughout his talk he drew on his personal experiences and observations while in the employ of the Department of Defense. At no time did he name any high ranking government officers or officials, but implied that they could be identified in connection with sexual activity while stationed in Korea and Japan. He intends to proceed against the Department of Defense, as he described this organization as the world's greatest employer of manpower as well as the world's largest consumer of goods and feels that once this organization is brought into line that the rest of the government will follow along.

He intends taking specified (which he did not name) before the U. S. Supreme Court, if necessary, in order to get satisfactory rulings in favor of the government's moral standards.

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SCHLAGEL identified himself as a government employee stationed in the Far East which thus gave him the opportunity of observing the things he mentioned first hand.

Reverend ROBERT W. WOOD
Spring Valley, New York
Congregational Minister

WOOD was not present due to the illness of his mother, but addressed the group by a tape recording. During his talk he advocated homosexuals play a more important part as lay men and lay women in church activity and dwelled upon the world population explosion and stated that, "the churches are now coming to realize that marriage is not for the sole purpose of procreation and that the church will come to realize that homosexual marriages are as capable of becoming sacramental as are heterosexual marriages."

Dr. EDGAR CUMMINGS
Associate Director
American Social Health Association
San Francisco, California

CUMMINGS addressed the group in connection with the progress and control of venereal diseases. CUMMINGS indicated that he hoped that some day a pilot study of venereal disease of the homosexual community would be made as this type of study is necessary. His talk was generally along the problems of VD and he did not appear to either condemn or commend homosexuality.

Dr. EVELYN HOOKER, Ph.D
University of California,
Los Angeles

Dr. HOOKER spoke to the group under conditions that she was assured were of a confidential nature, no recording was to be made, notes taken, or information disseminated concerning her talk without her expressed permission. Her

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principal talk was based on a study which she has been making during the past eight or nine years which she started out with the thought that it would take her approximately six months. Her study will be an analysis of 40 pure male adult homosexuals as compared with 30 male adult heterosexuals in an effort to determine the paths which men travel which determines whether or not they identify themselves as homosexuals or heterosexuals.

MARSHALL KRAUSE
Staff Counsel
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
San Francisco, California

KRAUSE used as his subject, "Why should the State Government or any governmental authorities have the right to regulate sexual conduct, sexual mores, or what people do in their presumably private sexual lives." He generally advocated that homosexuals unite and not fall prey to police tactics and harassment by entering pleas of guilty and forfeiting bail on lesser charges after having originally been arrested on a morals charge. He noted that the ACLU did not interest itself in criminal cases, but only in civil rights matters and felt that although homosexuals are a minority group, they have civil rights if they would unite and enforce them. He cited as progress in this line the recent California law which prohibits police officers from utilizing peepholes in public restrooms to obtain evidence as, "this is an invasion of everyones privacy."

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[REDACTED] of the Matachine Society and [REDACTED] the society's publication "The Matachine Review", 693 Mission Street, advised SA [REDACTED] on 11/16/62 in substance as follows:

At their recent program sponsored by the organization and held at the Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco, the attendance averaged approximately 100 persons. Financially, they "broke about even" which is the first time that this has occurred. This was the eighth such meeting that they have sponsored. Concerning the address made at that meeting by one of the speakers, RICHARD SCHLEGEL, the full text of this address was presented in the November issue of the "Matachine Review". Three copies of this issue were provided by CALL and have been exhibited in San Francisco file 100-37394.

It is considered that possibly the Army G-2 and the Navy VIO may be desirous of receiving copies since the Army was particularly interested in the speech of SCHLEGEL prior to the time it was delivered. It is to be noted that it was the understanding of this office that the Army intelligence had received information that SCHLEGEL was allegedly in possession of information concerning homosexual activities currently being practiced in the Army and that he would bring this information to light in his speech. Apparently he did not specifically mention any such current activities.

Reference is made to the article in the San Francisco News-Call Bulletin, a daily newspaper published in San Francisco, of Friday, November 16, 1962 by Columnist ARTHUR CAYLOR. The column is headlined "A Poll of Limp Wrists". The following is the verbatim copy of that portion of the article which relates to this matter. The entire clipping has been exhibited in 94-843.

Members of "The Community" were urged to demonstrate their numbers and political strength by quietly using the Prohibition Party as a guinea pig. The theory - advanced by the League for

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Civil Education - was that if they all voted for that party's candidate for state treasurer, the bulge in his vote would show "how many there are."

Statewide, this candidate got 106,889 votes - a lot more than the 2142 he received at the primary. In San Francisco he got 6018 votes - at the primary 12.

Where mathematics are involved, I was never much good at figuring things out. So I don't know how much these figures should scare you. The limp-wrist population was an "issue" in the CHRISTOPHER - WOLDEN race for mayor -- remember? - but nobody seemed able to care less.

If you're interested in further figuring, the Prohibition candidate for governor got 69,724 votes, and the candidate for controller got 116,760 - without being made a key part of the census scheme. Four years ago a Prohibition candidate for secretary of state rolled up 129,140 votes after getting only 1530 votes at the primary. Would anybody care to join me in a state of confusion?

[redacted] interpreted the term "The Community" mentioned in the above article as referring to homosexuals as a group. He identified the League for Civil Education mentioned in said article as being a group in San Francisco [redacted] This group publishes a small monthly newspaper. It was this group who locally sponsored this alleged poll. He pointed out that on at least two previous occasions, a similar attempt was made to use the public elections to take a poll of the number of homosexuals in this state of California. In referring to the above column and also having in mind the previous attempts along this line, this method was entirely inaccurate and wholly inconclusive for the following reasons:

1. Homosexuals generally fail to reside in one voting district long enough to qualify as a voter.
2. Homosexuals as a group are not interested in elections generally or in a determination of their numbers.
3. Due to their psychological makeup, having an innate fear of exposure, as a group would not vote in accordance with the plan as outlined in the article.

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4. Those homosexuals who are interested in political affairs would vote their political convictions rather than vote in accordance with the proposed poll.

DIRECTOR, FBI

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MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, aka
Mattachine Society
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Reference is made to San Francisco report in this matter dated 7/14/53, and Seattle report dated 8/19/53. Both reports are given the character of INTERNAL SECURITY - C; but because of the fact that evidence of the existence of subversive activity, etc., appears to be almost totally lacking, this particular letter is being characterized as "INFORMATION CONCERNING."

The Armed Forces Police in Seattle have recently reported to this office that [REDACTED]

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reported that the MATTACHINE SOCIETY is extremely active in its efforts to organize homosexuals. He said that the main office of the organization is in San Francisco and that it has branch offices in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Phoenix, Tampa, Washington, D. C., and is trying to establish one in Seattle. He said that the primary purpose of the organization is to "unify the homosexual population." He said that they set up travel trip contacts in various cities; issue membership cards; and hold meetings to discuss homosexual problems. He said that the organization is participated in mainly by homosexuals who cannot afford adverse publicity and are very frequently people in the teaching profession, etc. He estimated that there are over 15,000,000 active homosexuals in the United States and that there are 150,000 to 200,000 homosexuals in California who are organized. In California, he says they believe that they actually had an effect on the voting in the state and helped elect Governor BROWN.

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This information is being furnished because of the direction to do so in Bureau letter to San Francisco, dated 7/3/53, captioned INFORMATION CONCERNING, SM - C," in which this organization is also mentioned. This information is not being disseminated to the offices covering cities in which branches of the SOCIETY are reported to be existing; and dissemination, if needed, is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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A Rights Program for Homosexuals

Homosexuals must follow the course of other minorities if they are ever to attain social equality in America, an audience of 200 was told yesterday at the tenth annual conference of the Mattachine Society, Inc.

Efforts to change public opinion and laws adversely affecting the homosexual must be made in the same way the Negro is attempting to achieve equality—through a program of political action.

"An active program, conducted with dignity and discretion, is the most direct way toward a mutual understanding between society and the sexual variant," W. E. Dane Mohler Jr. told the convention.

Mohler, a law clerk who is chairman of the Los Angeles Mattachine Society, Inc., was among a panel of six specialists in the field of sexology who addressed the conference held at The Backstage, a theater-restaurant at Bay and Mason streets.

Other speakers included Ted McIlvenna, a San Francisco research sociologist; Dr. Harry Benjamin of New York; attorney Frank C. Wood Jr. of Los Angeles; and authors Gavin Arthur of San Francisco and Wallace de Ortega Maxey of Fresno.

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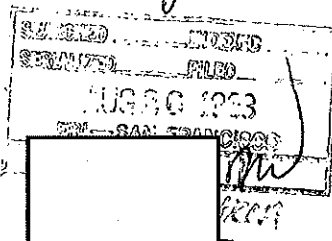
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Birth controlMattachine president talks
on homosexual and society

by Janet Russo

Hal Call, president of the Mattachine Society, spoke last week as a guest of the Psych Forum on the question of male homosexuality.

The Mattachine Society, located at 348 Ellis St., concerns itself with human sex problems, and in particular homosexuality. Counseling service is offered to sexual deviants having problems with jobs, the draft, the law, or their own guilt problems. Call said that his organization encourages each individual to achieve his own sexual identity.

On the question of homosexuality, Call said that it "might be one of nature's forms of birth-control." He said that one out of 10 adults are homosexuals. He further added that there always has been and always will be a great variety of sexual expression in societies.

Call feels that homosexuality is no disease. "There is no need to seek cure."

The problem lies instead with society. Call feels that society should say, "Laws, taboos, be damned."

He pointed out that people

have established a taboo on promiscuity perhaps because "They were jealous of someone getting more than they were."

With respect to why people are homosexuals, Call said that "it is hard to pin down causes." He explained that some psychiatrists believe that it is biologically caused; that one's genetic constitution causes one to become a homosexual.

Others feel that a person embraces homosexuality not so much as an attraction to the same sex, but rather because of a fear of the opposite gender, Call said. He added that such fears are implanted early in children by parents who say to their son or daughter, "Don't play with that person. He (or she) will get you into trouble."

Call said that if people were not instilled with taboos, most

would be bi-sexual. However, most people's predominant orientation would be towards heterosexuality.

Call also had words of praise for the S.F. police department. He said that there has been a remarkable change in their attitudes towards homosexuals. He said that policemen no longer peek in bus depot's bathrooms searching for lascivious activities. Moreover, one can now see between the streets of Taylor and Jones "guys in drag talking to cops," he said.

He said that "we can thank God for the hippies, yuppies, and draft card burners for taking the cops' eyes off the homosexual."

Lastly, Call advised homosexuals to evade the draft. He said that this is better than going in, being discovered, and then kicked out in disgrace.

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full awareness of our
social obligation as
members of the human
community, hold it
true that a highly
ethical human social culture
be integrated in society;
and, whereas, the present
laws of many lands
are discriminatory and
bring the best in human
of the culture; and,
whereas we are resolved
that these people shall
find equality; and,

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whereas, we desire
to spread knowledge
of the aims & aspirations
of this ~~union~~ ^{union}
mutual education of
its membership & of
society, we, therefore,
hereby resolve.

~~Article 4~~
~~and the soc shall be~~
composed of persons who
are duly initiated
members of a chartered
chapter.

3 members. 5 to a chapter,
regardless of race, color,
or creed.

No provision shall
be made to deduct
the amount of any

members without his
permission.

etc, etc.

Resolution

Whereas this org. is
neither political nor
sectarian & Whereas
we believe that our
group can only achieve
the social integration
in which it takes within
the framework of a
free society; and
Whereas we find it
especially significant
that the most frontal
& restrictive laws v.s.

homogeneity, occur
in these countries,
like Russia, where
freedom of the mind
is most severely
limited; and
hence, those who
attack the basic
freedom of the mind
in this country,
both of the extreme
left right & the
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WHETHER YOU ARE OR NOT

YOU CERTAINLY KNOW MANY people who are left-handed -- relatives, friends, co-workers, acquaintances. Left-handedness is far more common than most people imagine. Many psychiatrists, in fact, believe approximately fifty per cent of the population is naturally left-handed, but only a fraction of these actually use their left hands for writing, playing games, etc., because this is a right-handed world, and social pressures make most of the naturally left-handed people learn to use their right hands.

CAN YOU IMAGINE what it would be like if whole sections of the penal code were devoted to left-handedness, if left-handedness were made illegal and punishments varied from six months in prison to life? Can you imagine what would happen if social custom, religious doctrines and our educational system all taught that left-handedness was a crime against nature, a sin and a disgrace?

OF COURSE, if this happened, left-handed people would try to hide their left-handedness. Some would succeed and some would not. Many, to be sure, would develop serious neuroses because of their suppression of a way of life most natural to them. Some would reject society and religion and flout the social customs at the risk of prison and disgrace. But think what ~~society would lose by outlawing all the millions of left-handed people!~~

A REMARKABLE PARALLEL exists between left-handedness and homosexuality. The difference, of course, is that left-handedness is, at the worst, an inconvenience, while homosexuality at best is an almost unmentionable subject.

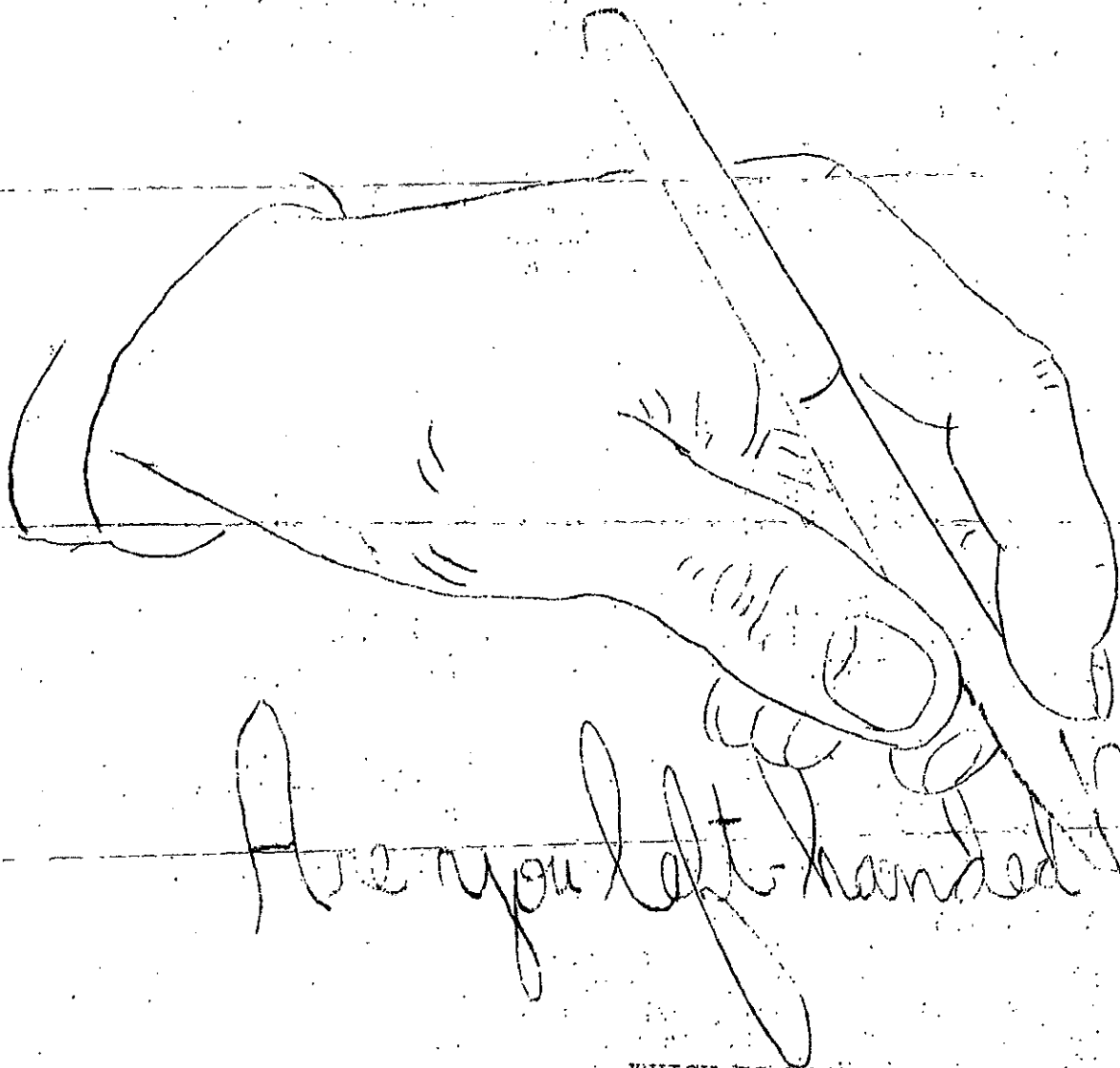
YET, ACCORDING TO CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATES, there are five to ten MILLION homosexuals in the United States -- 150,000 in the San Francisco Bay Area. This is one of the largest minorities in the Country yet a minority so ill-regarded that it must hide its very existence for fear of ostracism and disgrace.

A MINORITY OF THIS SIZE cannot be outlawed, cannot be kept silent, cannot be denied the civil and social rights guaranteed all citizens without jeopardizing those rights for everyone. The homosexual minority asks your interest, your good will, your assistance for a better world for everyone. For further information or additional copies of this leaflet please write

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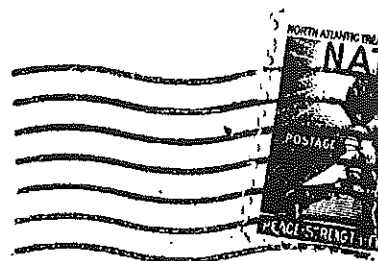
Due to duplication of discussions, Oakland and Berkeley Chapters have decided to sponsor joint discussion groups and committees. Chapter meetings will be held by the individual chapters once each month. Other meetings for the present will be sponsored jointly. You are invited to come to attend all meetings and are especially encouraged to come to those in which you are particularly interested. All meetings start promptly at 8 pm except the Mattachine Barbecue and Mattachine Breakfast. Meetings and activities for August are:

1. The Policy Committee:-- to determine Mattachine policy.
Meetings:-- Monday, August 3d at 516 55th St, Oakland (and Mondays preceding Area Council thereafter.
2. Discussion Groups:-- Topic for the first month: "Gay Bars."
Meetings:-- Tuesday, August 4th (and)
Tuesday, August 18th at Apt. 17 above Milani's Restaurant.
3. Social and Membership:-- Entertainment and such.
Meeting:-- Monday, August 10th at Mary's Bar.
Mattachine Breakfast:-- To introduce Mattachine to people who haven't become acquainted with us yet.
Menu: Eggs, bacon and the trimmings (for which we are asking a contribution of 35¢).
Each time there will be a brief introduction and resume of Mattachine. Meetings the second Sunday of each month at Apt. 8, 848 Vermont St, Oakland, at noon, starting August 9th.
4. Chapter Meetings:-- Business.
Berkeley:-- Monday, August 24th, 1735 Highland Place.
Oakland, Monday, August 24th, 848 Vermont St, Apt 8.
5. Research and Study Group:-- Concerning the Langley-Porter Clinic and other research work.
Meeting:-- Thursday, July 30th, 2804 Cherry St, Berkeley.
6. Mattachine Barbecue:-- An evening picnic (the menu is barbecue spare-ribs, baked beans, a tossed salad, french rolls, coffee), with door prizes, music, and lots of activity. Tickets are \$1.00, and are available at Mary's, Rudy's, Pearl's, and from most Mattachine members. The picnic will be at the "Orchard" in Redwood Regional Park, Monday, August 17th, at 6 pm.

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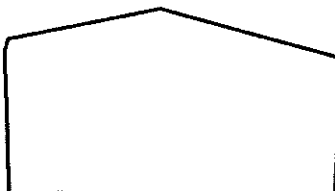
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Margaret Mead
in "Coming of Age in Samoa"

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And a **RED** too....

The September issue of *Mr.* has a lengthy article called "Are Communists Homosexual?" *Mr.* is another of those sadistically sexy scandal mags which pretend to be unbiased and scientific and which enjoy a frightening popularity these days. Considering the calibre of *Mr.* the only intelligent course of action would be to disregard the article, but it happens to be the third or fourth of its kind to appear in nationally circulated magazines this summer. The thinking represented in the article is not an isolated expression but part of a trend—a trend, incidentally, which was accurately predicted by the Mattachine Foundation over a year ago and repeated early this year in ONE.

The thinking behind the article in *Mr.* and the other magazines runs like this: communists are bad. Homosexuals are bad. Therefore communists are homosexuals. Illogical? Of course, but who gives a thought to logic when writing against homosexuals or communists? We live in the age of McCarthyism, and to question even the *logic* of anti-communist or anti-homosexual arguments is to commit treason.

For those interested in facts instead of hysterical outbursts, the communist party of the U. S. A. provides in its constitution that no individual who engages in sexual perversions is eligible for membership. This cannot be brushed aside with the argument that communists aren't to be trusted anyway and their constitution has no relation to their practices. Information in any good library shows that wholesale expulsions from the communist party have occurred because of homosexuality of members.

It would be ridiculous to argue that there are no homosexuals who are communists. We know that in the past there have been some who were, and it is likely that there are still undetected homosexuals within the organization. It is hard to imagine the mental convulsions such people must experience in attempting to reconcile the irreconcilable contradictions in their thinking. Yet their mental gymnastics are not surprising when one remembers the numbers of our minority functioning within religious organizations which either deny their existence or consign them to the deepest, darkest pits of hell.

But it hardly follows that most or even many homosexuals are members of so complex an organization as the communist party. Too many of our people are involved in their social oppression, their personal love adventures in an atmosphere of legal persecution and their day-to-day problems of making a living and paying their bills to have any energy, let alone inclination, to participate in revolutionary movements. As you read this, ask yourself how many homosexuals you have ever known who were communists or even "left" in their political thinking.

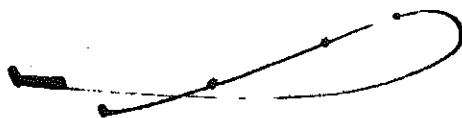
Homosexuals are participants in the dominant culture of contemporary America and have most of the same prejudices, likes and dislikes as the dominant culture. Many of them even accept the heterosexual belief that homosexuals are inferior. Is it reasonable, then, that any sizeable number of homosexuals are now or have ever been communists?

It is unlikely that any of these articles equating the twin evils of communism and homosexuality would have much influence on the thinking of our people, but this of course is not their point. The writers and editors of such propaganda as appears in *Mr.* have found that by tying in these two unrelated horrors they are in a uniquely satisfying position: They can promote the fashionable anti-red hysteria by claiming left political activity to be a sign of sexual perversion and neurosis. They can present their rotten propaganda with which the public has grown bored in sugar-coated doses by the trick of combining it with the most "wicked" and simultaneously the most titillating of all sexual deviations.

Adlai Stevenson recently commented in Paris that McCarthyism in the U.S. of 1953 might be compared to Hitlerism in the Germany of 1933. This was a profound statement the implications of which touch our minority very directly. Have we so soon forgotten that Hitler, in making the world safe for fascism by pledging to destroy communism, found it expedient to destroy several million Jews, trade unionists, Catholics—and homosexuals?

Harry Johnson

The Editors hope that Mr. Johnson's bold treatment of a controversial subject rouses an equally bold response. Readers are reminded that ONE is particularly unique in its policy of giving space to the widest possible range of views. It aims at being a stimulant rather than a pleasing unguent. And, while ONE has a definite policy of initiating legal reform and fighting reasonless prosecution, it does not necessarily agree with each of all the writers whose work appears on these pages. It offers you ideas for what they're worth and hopes never to attempt telling you what to think.



At first you'll laugh at this but you'll read on—fascinated. Then you'll say, "He might have something at that," and, by the time you've finished, you'll declare, "This character's right!" Here is the drive and enthusiasm of the Go-Getter that few people—even gay ones—associate with deviation. They should.

The Negro, too, has been the victim of persecution, but not even a bloody civil war was able to free him from it. Could a Negro ONE have done better?

The answer to the homosexual's problem is fortunately simpler than that of the Negro, in that it can more easily be solved. It can be solved because homosexuals, on the whole, are much better off financially than Negroes, and this is essentially important in relation to the plan I am about to suggest.

The plan is basically simple, and it is based on two facts:

First, if Kinsey and other investigating agencies are anywhere close to right, there are at least 6,000,000 American homosexuals.

Second, there would seem little doubt but that the great majority of these would be only too happy if they could anonymously, without fear of their identities being revealed, and by means easily available to them, help to revolutionize the homosexual's situation in American society.

Now then: what concerted action could they take?

To start with, an organization. A most unique organization, to be sure, with a vast roster of false names. And at the beginning, a very small organization of perhaps 2000 members — which just happens to coincide with the circulation of ONE.

The homosexual in America has a problem — a hell of a problem. It can't be licked by a monthly pamphlet no matter how loudly it yells about injustices, vicious laws, illegal persecutions and all the rest, as was suggested in the July issue by A. X.

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Assuming that this organization can grow quite rapidly, because of word-of-mouth publicity that something, at long last, is being done to start a knock-down-drag-out war against ignorance and prejudice, the organization can eventually have, let us say, a million members.

That would only represent one out of six homosexuals, so the figure is not too wild. One out of six ought to be interested enough to join.

After all, no names.

Okay, so you've got an organization of a million anonymous members. (Queers, Anonymous?) Anyway, never mind the humor. No American politician regards as humorous a million votes.

Now, we get down to the live torpedo end of this project: money. Let's say the membership dues are very modest: fifty cents a month. That's \$6.00 a year, which isn't very much. But multiply that by a million, and you have the gigantic fighting strength represented by \$6,000,000.00 a year — plus a million votes.

Nobody will care whose money it is—that of screaming pansies, delicate decorators, or professional wrestlers. Nobody will give a damn because this is the U.S.A. and money talks. That kind of money roars.

It does some of its best roaring in politics, and in the halls of justice, and in the realm of public education.

That kind of money pays for high-powered lobbyists who know how to get bad laws repealed, and decent ones enacted.

It pays for legal protection for homosexuals who are being illegally perse-

cuted by the witch-hunters. And I mean top-flight legal protection. Good lawyers ain't scared of nobody.

It means public education, for if Coca Cola can do it, so can anybody. Anybody with that kind of money, that is. (Naturally, the same methods would not be employed, but other techniques of proved efficacy.)

And maybe—and this would be lots of fun—some of it could be used to hire skilled private eyes to investigate into the private lives of the queer-baiters, on the theory that the man who casts stones is himself seldom free from sin. Wouldn't that put the fear of God into some of them!

A few million dollars a year can raise more hell than anyone would ever dream possible!

Moreover, such an organization could readily win the support of hundreds of thousands of fair-minded, intelligent non-homosexuals including doctors, lawyers, educators, psychiatrists, sociologists, and others who have nothing to lose by such support. Many of them have long been speaking up for the homosexual anyway.

Now, here's the point—maybe the most important point of all: I believe that the average homosexual would rally to this idea, for it would be his only chance to fight for his rights. I think he would enlist the cooperation of his friends and acquaintances. I think it could mushroom but fast.

It should be the function of ONE to start this organization by launching an immediate campaign.

The chief purpose of ONE should be

to be the spokesman for this organization, to keep its members informed of all that is going on—particularly how the membership dues are being used.

I think, myself, that the first incoming money should be used to launch a membership drive, and to pay more of the expenses of the magazine, which latter is necessarily an important part of the organization.

Membership blanks should be included with every issue of ONE—several of them, so that each subscriber might enlist some friends.

Each membership blank should have printed, on its reverse side, the aims and purposes of the organization.

Each membership should include a subscription to ONE, for two reasons: first, the new member is immediately getting a concrete return for his dues. Second, ONE would be the only contact between the organization and the member, because of the latter's anonymity. Dues notices would have to be published in the magazine, for instance. (And at that time, a recount of the organization's progress to encourage membership renewals).

Perhaps the dues, initially, could be set at \$6.00 per year. Or maybe \$5.00 would be okay.

Also, I believe, once the organization gets going and starts accomplishing something, sizeable contributions might be expected from wealthier members.

It might not even be impossible to secure further aid from one of the scientific Foundations, for the cause is just.

While I have suggested that the first money be used for a membership drive, I think it would be a good idea to use part of it, right off the bat, to supply free legal service to persecuted homosexuals. A single homosexual rescued from the clutches of the law could in itself constitute a pretty good advertisement for the organization. And it would be even better if the cop who does the arresting could be sued for damages for false arrest.

Now would be the right time for ONE to adopt the crusading policy suggested by "A.X." and to this end I would suggest subscribing to some press-clipping bureaus to receive all news of homosexual persecutions. For when something like this occurs in L.A. the newspapers in Topeka, Kansas don't get it. ONE would get such news to all subscribers, wherever they live, by reprinting the cuttings. I don't think the average homosexual realizes how much persecution goes on. He needs to be aroused, but good!

What is the best way to get top-flight legal aid for the victims? Maybe some of the lawyer-readers of ONE—and surely there must be a few—can make some recommendations. Otherwise, let ONE consult the Bar Association. It can be done. The details will all work out.

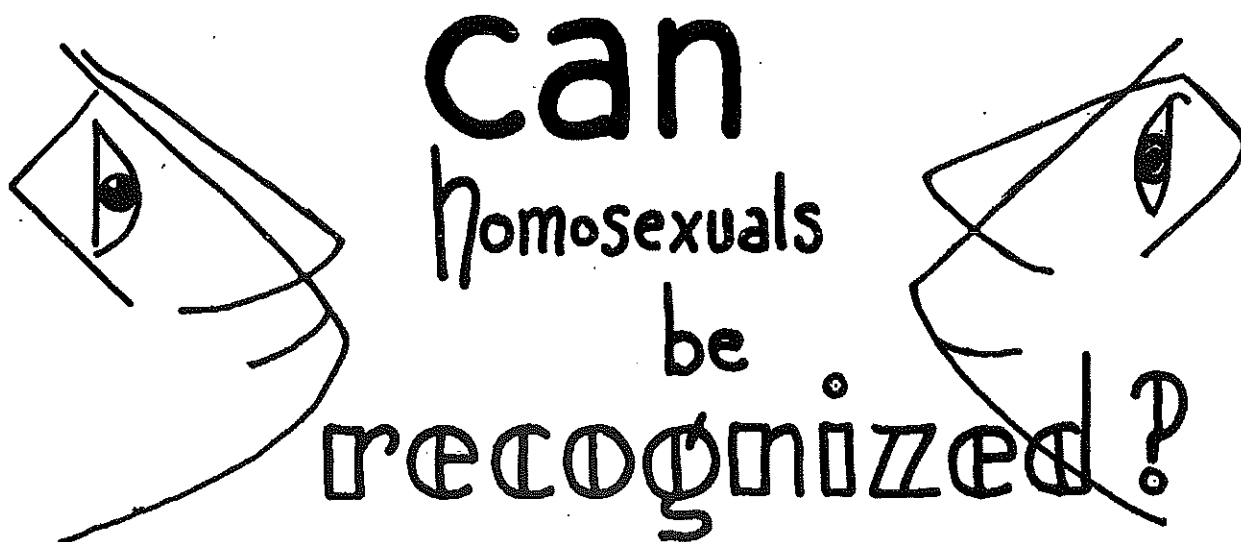


The main thing
is: Organize! Get
money! Fight!

M. F.



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can homosexuals be recognized?



The question of whether homosexuals can be recognized is an interesting and fascinating one, of great importance to the homosexual himself. But, like most aspects of the difficult and complicated problem of homosexuality, it is a question that cannot easily be answered with a curt affirmative or negative response.



Can homosexuals be recognized? First of all, by whom? By psychiatrists or psychologists or social workers, trained in the field; by physicians whose medical degrees have given them little knowledge or acquaintance with this subject; by the man on the street, or by other homosexuals? For, is it not entirely possible that homosexuals might be able to recognize each other and still be entirely unrecognizable to people who are outside their group, including even those fairly well trained? Then we must further ask what homosexuals are being referred to. When recognition is discussed, does one mean all homosexuals, or some, or a few? Obviously enough, if one considers only the few homosexuals who are apparent to anyone, then by very definition they can be recognized. But what about the many who display no effeminate traits, characteristics, and mannerisms?



Traditionally, the word "homosexual" has been associated in the mind of the public with effeminacy. Precisely because most homosexuals have been so skillful at concealing their predilections and activities, few people outside of



their own limited circle ever became aware of the existence of a large group. Their knowledge being confined to the effeminate, the latter became the stereotype, and a conclusion was drawn that homosexuals were relatively rare, on the one hand, and flagrantly obvious, on the other. Both of these conclusions were quite erroneous.

A division of people into categories or classes is always quite arbitrary, with many overlapping from one group to another. Nevertheless, it can be said that those who travel in the gay circles find that the definitely effeminate types make up only a small minority of the entire homosexual group. It is doubtful if more than five to ten per cent of the total homosexual population is of the flagrant or "fairy" type. In other words, not more than one out of ten or twenty can be recognized by an intelligent heterosexual, who is untrained in this sphere of activity. Yet, so ignorant are many people that even these flagrant cases, known in the homosexual lingo as being "obvious," are not always seen in their true light. These effeminate people are believed to be "sensitive" or "artistic" types (which they may be, in fact), and are said to remind the observer of actors or dancers. I call to mind an attorney who had such an obvious person working for him in the office for ten years, during which time the employee was often visited by others like him. Yet, when a crisis arose in the homosexual's life that made it necessary for him to inform his employer, the latter was absolutely flabbergasted by the disclosure. He had never suspected what was so open and unhidden that one can only marvel at the man's colossal naivete.



Yet, such cases are far from rare. In fact, they are almost common. So that one must answer the question — are the recognizable homosexuals recognizable? — with a certain reservation. Yes, they are, by definition, but only by those with some sophistication and not blinded by a burning desire to avoid the truth.

Before proceeding to the more complex question of the successfully concealed homosexuality, it is interesting to note that the effeminate form a distinct subgroup within the minority group. They intermingle mainly with one another and not with all homosexuals, seldom forming friendships with the more masculine, shunned by those who conceal. Sometimes one encounters a physical alliance between the masculine and effeminate types, but this is by no means as frequent as the heterosexual public believes. More commonly, the homosexual societies express a contempt for the effeminate that is not dissimilar to the contemptuous attitude shown by heterosexuals. Thus, ironically enough, the homosexual, pleading for acceptance from the world at large, seeking tolerance and understanding, refuses to give to his own confrere any of that understanding or acceptance which he wants given to him.



There is no need to travel far to find the sources of this contempt. Hostility displayed by one sector of a minority group against another sector of that same



group is not rare, and has its counterpart in the communal life of other minorities. In the outcast world that is the homosexual society, where people are followed by a fear of exposure that approaches paranoid heights (except that it is not imaginary), association with the obvious would jeopardize the success of those who conceal with such ease. How much of the hostility of the homosexual toward the effeminate male may be a defensive justification of this fear of exposure; how much may reflect his anti-feminist, anti-woman orientation, in which he is turning not only against all women, but against men who are like women, is something that can hardly be measured. No doubt the homosexual reflects the cultural attitude which looks contemptuously upon effeminacy in a man as being weak and sickly. But, on the conscious level, the gay person justifies his attitude toward the recognizable homosexual by saying that the latter is the cause of much of the world's hostility. The "fairy," it is contended, brings down the wrath of the society, is the butt of sarcastic and repulsive remarks, and therefore the more masculine man reasons that there would be no hostility if those who call it into being did not exist. Actually, such reasoning is both superficial and specious, but I am at this moment concerned with recording what the homosexual thinks, and not with an analysis of what I find right or wrong in his thinking.



But what of the remaining homosexuals? What of the vast majority who are not effeminate? Can they be recognized? Many of them would be suspect by an astute observer, but such an observer would undoubtedly miss some in the group, and would suspect many who are not at all homosexually inclined. In recent months, I have had occasion to meet many homosexuals, people from various walks of life, men coming from all circles and not familiar with each other, and I can quite confidently state that I have not met one who could not function in a hostile society, pretending successfully to be like employer or fellow-employee, if this be necessary.

It is interesting to note that, to these people, there is no compliment quite so strong as to be told that they cannot be recognized. No insult is quite as great as to tell the homosexual, "You can be spotted in a minute." I have seen men who readily admit their predilections rise up in outrageous indignation when told that their homosexuality is apparent. And a broad smile of self-satisfaction is an almost invariable result of a statement to the contrary.



But the question still remains—can the homosexuals recognize each other? I am convinced that most homosexuals, perhaps the majority, no matter how masculine their demeanor, their mannerisms, their appearance and dress, are quite recognizable to most others. This involves a matter that has nothing to do with effeminacy, although it has been confused with such. For people think that homosexuals are recognizable only if they are effeminate; that is, if they



"camp." The very apparent truth that a group so strongly confined within its own limits, intermingling within itself, may develop its own in-group characteristics, seems to have been overlooked. These characteristics can be twofold in source: first, they can arise from unconscious imitation; secondly, from the conscious effort to develop such signs of recognition as will lead members of this marginal society to each other without exposing them to the outside and usually hostile world. However, this conscious effort to develop modes of recognition can easily slip beyond control, and lead to exposure, even to extreme effeminacy, although it was never intended for such purpose.




What is meant by unconscious imitation? This does not mean standing in front of mirrors, gesticulating until one has successfully mimicked a new-found companion. On the contrary, it means that when people intermingle with each other so much and with those unlike them so little, they must take on a set of common mannerisms. At the bars, in the homes, at parties, even to a certain extent at work, these people are travelling within the confines of a very limited circle, and they assume mannerisms, methods of speech, and other traits from each other, in much the same manner as members of a ghetto community of an ethnic character might do.




But the gay world is beset by a contradictory drive. On the one hand, the homosexual wishes to conceal, which means to avoid the group characteristics; and on the other hand, there is a strong need to recognize others in the group, and to be recognized, in order to find companionship, friendship, affection, understanding, and physical partners. To accomplish the second aim, the gay create their own mannerisms that make it possible for them to recognize each other. At the same time, to protect concealment they seek to have these signs of recognition function in a sphere in which effeminacy is avoided, thus making it difficult for others to pinpoint them.


It would be indelicate for me to go into a description of all of these characteristics, but I shall limit myself to pointing out a few of them, in order to illustrate the main contention that there is an in-group set of folkway traits, and that the latter are not in any way effeminate. For example, there are methods of dressing that have absolutely nothing effeminate about them; methods used by all segments of the population, but much more frequently by the homosexuals. There is a very definite type of haircut, which is in fact at least as masculine as any haircut in vogue for men; it is used by many men, but particularly by those in the gay group. Now, some men may use this method of dress and of haircut quite unaware that homosexuals have cultivated it. Is there not a possibility, then, that such men will lead the homosexual astray — that the latter will imagine a companion where none is to be found? No, this is quite unlikely, because other traits will confirm or deny the suspicion.



There is a very distinctive homosexual method of speech, quite aside from the choice of words (that is, the argot of the group and the deliberate change of gender). Neither has this anything to do with the choice of topics of conversation, nor with the viewpoints being espoused. It is a matter involving tonal modulation, and once again effeminacy has been confused with this phenomenon. It is closer to the speech of the actor, consisting of over-distinctive pronunciation of consonants, and lengthy pronunciation of vowels, particularly at the end of words and even more particularly at the end of sentences. It is used, quite unconsciously, I daresay, as a means of recognition; it is like a secret sign of members of some fraternal order who seek each other out of mutual aid, but who wish to avoid being known to those outside their own order.



And thus I could continue. There is a homosexual walk, quite aside from the effeminate swagger which is the gait of the obvious few. It is so far from effeminate that it is, on the contrary, almost militaristic, consisting as it does of a bringing of the heels down in a sharp, clacking, almost Prussianistic manner. It is possible, in a few extreme cases, to close one's eyes and hear a gay person walking down the street; it is certainly possible for another gay man to spot the person when he is so far away that his face is not yet in view.



These characteristics are but a few, and add to them the sign of recognition through the "homosexual reflex," the automatic, uncontrolled turning of the head to notice a male passing by, the almost invariable failure to take note of the female. There is the homosexual male-to-male stare, of which so many of us are unconscious. Let us not overlook the handshake that never parts quite as quickly as in the outer world. This is not a handshake that is soft, or a hand that is flabby, for that is again the stereotype, false for all but a very small few. In fact, it may be vigorous, masculine, hard, strong, but not as rapid in the break as would be expected were the homosexual component absent.

Effeminacy in an extreme form, which acts as a label for a person's sexual inclinations, is quite another matter. It is beyond doubt uncommon in the homosexual group, and is a source of great dismay therein. Among the homosexuals, it is a phenomenon that has attracted little sympathy and less understanding.

But it is of the majority of the homosexuals, men who have little or no signs of such effeminate characteristics, that I am now writing. It is their group, particularly in the big cities, that develops characteristics of their own. The important factor about such group traits, however, and the factor hitherto overlooked, is that they are neither masculine nor feminine, but specifically and peculiarly homosexual.

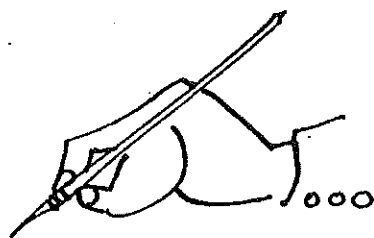


Donald Webster Cory



No! If we must have a crusade it must be for civil rights and equality before the laws of this land, not for conformity to some ideal of personal ethics. I do not care how many "gay" bars exist or who goes to them or what they do there, who delights in emasculated affectation or uses perfume; but I do care that my rights as a citizen of this country are nil and I know that getting all homosexuals to act like bourgeois gentlemen is not going to get those rights for me. I am not sure what will but I think **ONE** may be on the right track.

RENO, NEVADA



A Reply to R.L.M. in your JULY issue,
AS FOR ME:

Who is in a position in this world to require conformity from anyone?—least of all one homosexual from another. The desire to have all homosexuals well mannered, intelligent, courageous, manly, men is easily understood. These are attributes most of us classify as desirable; most humans do, according to the standards of their own society. Is it not the aim of all persons in this country to attain both a personal integrity and equal rights before the law of our society? We as reasonably enlightened, 20th Century individuals are not in any position to slap the bar-fly or to condemn bar-flitting; promiscuity to us is a personal matter; emasculated affectation is neither my concern nor another's. The so called "gay life" is not for me to reform and I hesitate to define the "very worst elements".

Dear Sirs:

I have just finished reading some of your back copies and the current *One* for July. It is great—and you are great for your courage, your humanity, and the lift which you have doubtless given to many of us throughout the country.

My greatest fear at present is that, because of one reason or another, you will be unable to continue publishing and growing. I should like to know if the Mattachine Foundation is willing to help over the rough spots so that your voice, which is our voice, will continue to be heard. We should like to know more about that organization. I am sure that financial contributions would be forthcoming if individuals knew what the Mattachine was doing, what its backing was

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that contempt for womanliness is contempt for our own womanliness. And contempt for the sexual promiscuity of others is contempt for our own.

There is no scientific validity for despising any kind of sexual activity that does no harm. I strongly urge everyone to read **The Ethics of Sexual Acts** by Rene Guyon. For those of us who are religiously inclined, and therefore likely to be suffering from conflicts between the religious and the more obviously sexual impulses, I should strongly urge that they pursue this pattern of thinking: Cease worrying about the sinfulness of sex; make up your minds to enjoy your lives and to express yourselves sexually when you feel the need; restrict your behavior only to this extent that you retain an honest respect for the underlying humanity of all those with whom you have relations. Then, if you have the kind of mind that values the knowledge it seems to derive from religious feeling more than what it learns from the scientific approach, you will discover, perhaps to your surprise, that it was not sex of any kind or amount but contempt for yourself and your sexual partners that kept you divided from your God.

I know that among you I have many friends. I should like to sign my name but I know you will understand when I tell you I can't because I must earn a living. Some day this underground business will no longer be necessary. When that time comes, those of us who now engage in the fight for human rights will be regarded as heroes. I doubt that any of us now alive will know it then, but we can be comforted by the assurance that the day will come, since the evolution of society toward greater democ-

racy seems to proceed steadily, in spite of setbacks, with the wider and wider dissemination of knowledge. Even if we live that long, we will not regard ourselves as heroes, for we shall learn in our experience that heroism consists merely in despising injustice and in clinging to the just cause.



Gentlemen:

There was an article in the July issue of **ONE** that stirred up a good deal of controversy and, I am told that the whole point in publishing the article was to stimulate thought, to bring to our minds certain factors that very much need to be recognized and discussed. I am referring to the essay **SIX REASONS WHY YOUR LITTLE MAGAZINE WON'T LAST**.

The importance of this article is not due to any factual material which it contained—for there was no factual material, no objective, reliable material of any kind in it at all—but, rather, to its being a sterling example of the kind of expression ineluctably associated with the emotionally immature personality. Its importance lies in the fact that it is a demonstration of a type of mind not uncommon in the homosexual. Its publication is a warning to all of us to be on the lookout for this type of attitude, to call it by its proper name, and to beware.

For the article is no more—and no less—than the splenetic outcry of an enraged infant. Observe, if you will, the complete

lack of intellectual and moral integrity. There is no sense whatever of responsibility to facts or even to the opinions of others. The author has the conceit to assume that he has the right to speak for all homosexuals when in truth he is speaking only for and of himself. He demonstrates the utter self-centeredness of the child.

The article runs rife with preposterous exaggerations, distortions bearing no relation to reality whatsoever, and absurd inconsistencies presented with the flippant impudence of the defiant child. Look, for example, at the impassioned cry against injustice by a man who can't even write with justice (much less compassion or humility) about his own kind, whom he arrogantly adjudicates to be **not worth it**. Yet he apparently feels this **giddy little pamphlet** to be a suitable vehicle for his own "worthy" opinions.

His condemnation of all homosexuals just because there are some—like himself—as yet too immature to think and act as adults is manifestly unfair. Yet this is a characteristic consistent with the general personality defect.

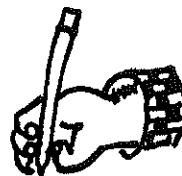
There is a substantial amount of evidence that emotional immaturity is part of the homosexual syndrome. Unfortunately in the case at hand there seems to be, in addition, a strong component of persecution mania and a very strong, ugly, and unbridled hostility. These elements are pathognomic of the paranoid personality.

Let us not be deluded by these fiery outbursts, whether in the pages of ONE or amongst our acquaintances, for we have an abiding need to think and act as emotionally mature and secure adults if we are to

achieve our goal. Our work can never be helped—only hampered—by frenetic temper tantrums.

It is the patient, unspectacular work of people like the editors of ONE and the members of the Mattachine Society that will eventually bring about an improved social and mental environment for all of us, but, I'm afraid, it will be in spite of the "children," rather than because of them.

NORWALK, CALIF.



Dear Sirs:

I'm applying for a subscription for which find cheque enclosed. I think that your magazine is a good thing no matter what its deficiencies or excellent qualities may be, simply because it is an opportunity for a lot of individuals to get something off their chests. At least **something** is said, and in this case, better banalities than nothing at all. The whole problem, so far as I see it, is an impossible one, considering humanity and its history, but to bring matters to light so that an amount of discussion with its consequent enlightenment may ensue will at least help to alleviate narrow-mindedness and misapprehension. I have a small bone to pick with some of your writers and correspondents. There is always somewhere or other a stricture against the obvious queen, the "pansy," the **flaneur**. I think that is unfair. Among other rights of the individual I should like to defend the privilege of anyone to make a damned fool of himself, if

he so desires. A civilization rife with eccentrics . . . tolerated ones, is a rich civilization, merely extravagant exfoliation of a truly creative era. That is one of the secrets of England's past greatness, for that was the land of the crank, the miser and the soap-box speaker. By all means let the variety of human nature express itself, even if it tends towards chartreuse trousers and brass hair. Great heavens, what if all men wore tweeds and smoked pipes! A world of mature professors or superior congressmen . . . heaven forbid! Besides the extravagances of effeminacy are abandoned as youth decays, so let the laddie have his fling. As Blake says . . .

"Abstinence throws sand on ruddy limbs and waving hair,
Whilst desire gratified grows fruits and flowers everywhere."

The clippings enclosed might be of some interest to you. I was a victim of the Washington "posse" a vicious group if there ever was one, but who seem to be getting their come-uppance now.

CORONADO, CALIF.

Sirs:

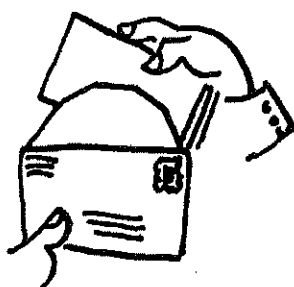
Please send me "ONE" every month for the next two years. I am enclosing \$5.00 to pay for my subscription.

Keep up the good work.

Los Angeles.

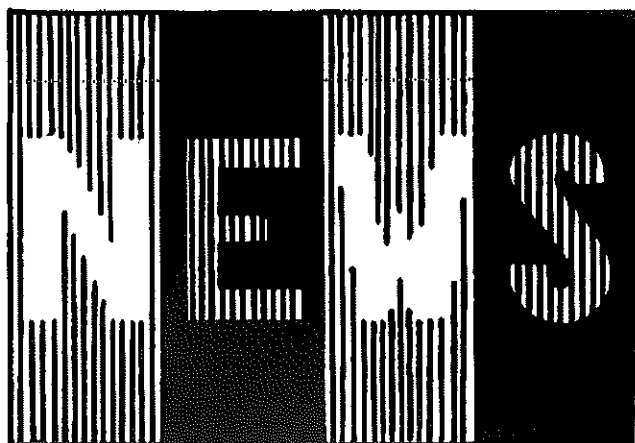


A confusion, evident in the letters we receive, makes it necessary again to make clear the relationship of ONE and the Mattachine Society. These are two entirely separate corporations which function independently. While they naturally share basic principles, their differences as a Society and a magazine are clear in both type of activity and manner of approach. ONE heartily commends the work of the Society and hopes the feeling is mutual, but insists upon being recognized as a separate entity.



ONE does not forward letters to its readers, nor can it effect contact between individuals however intrigued they may be with one another literarily. The reason is not solely the vast work involved, but legal as well.

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During a Sunday afternoon drive through the environs of Los Angeles, a car containing four friends was stopped by the police. No illegal act was charged, though the pretext of looking for dope was used. The four were subjected to lengthy grilling in public, and later at a police station, in the attempt to establish a homosexual relationship between them.

As one of the four was under 21, he was subjected to hours of pressure, until at last a signed statement was wrung from him "confessing" to sexual intimacies with one of the others, which statement he later attempted to deny and repudiate.

At the trial some weeks later two witnesses for the defense fearlessly and with vigor demolished with facts and dates each and every allegation contained in the "confession." Its youthful writer did not appear in court. The judge in rendering his verdict of not guilty stated that the aggressive attitude of the two witnesses threw doubt on the validity of their testimony.

Is a court of law presumed to be a gentleman's club in which it is bad form for citizens to be too emphatic in overthrowing a lie? To a reporter from ONE in the courtroom disquieting questions were posed by the judge's statements. It must be remembered that in his verdict he himself had found the "confession" to be false. Yet, in urbane and witty language, he could disparage the attitude of the two who had proven it so.

Perhaps American citizens are supposed to supinely submit to the most vicious smears, be robbed of their freedoms, suffer heavy financial losses for attorney's fees, time lost, and then meekly go to jail without protest. But, in the good American tradition of fighting for freedom—even if someone does get hurt, as so often happens during fighting we should remind ourselves—when the worm turns and the individual dares to stand up for his rights, those standing at the very outposts of justice profess astonishment.

Is it not time that American citizens fought back more often? It may be that a wave of "bad" courtroom manners would bring a little healthy respect for constitutional rights back into the picture.



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The Wayward Ones, by Sara Harris. New York: Crown Publishers, Inc., 1952, \$3.00.

The Illusionist, by Francoise Mallet, translated from the French by Herma Briffault. New York: Farrar, Straus and Young, 1952 \$3.00. Also Popular Library, 1953, 25 cents re-titled, "The Loving & The Daring."

The Price of Salt, by Claire Morgan. New York: Coward-McCann, Inc., 1952, \$3.00.

The reader who comes to these three novels, all of which deal with the phenomenon of love between women and the culmination of that love in the form of a physical expression, must face two interesting questions. The first is the effort to evaluate a work which has some sociological value but which is of inferior literary quality. This lack of literary merit (in two of the three books, for *The Illusionist* is handled with a skillful and sensitive pen) is constantly facing the readers of minority, propagandistic, and missionary literature. Most of the writing in Miss Morgan's work, and all of it in Miss Harris's, is so poor that the characters can never come to life and the message that the books were meant to convey is unable to be heard.

However, to examine these three novels at one time—and this is why I have grouped them together—is to become impressed with the size and importance of the body of literature dealing with female homosexuality. Despite the works of Mann, Proust, Gide, and many others, it is doubtful if the literature of attraction between man and man can show advance-guard books that shine with the light of the works of Gertrude Stein, Djuna Barnes, and Anais Nin; a quality of love as convincing as in the early novels of Gale Wilhelm; propaganda as sincere and protest as vociferous as that of Radclyffe Hall. To which we can now add a love story in a strange setting, told in beautiful terms, and with a singular lack of consciousness of sin, guilt, or social ostracism, as in *The Illusionist*.

The theme of *The Illusionist* is quite simple. An adolescent girl falls in love with her father's mistress. It is not a sublimated or repressed love; it finds culmination in an act of physical expression, and this act is repeated over a period of

several months. To say that this is an unusual triangle is understatement, indeed. But it is to the credit of Francoise Mallet that this difficult situation never becomes unbelievable. And therein lies the importance of a novelist knowing how to write. For Claire Morgan, in *The Price of Salt*, takes a much more commonplace situation, in which two girls, one disillusioned with marriage and the other with courtship, find each other and go off together. But after going through a couple of hundred pages of stilted conversation and hysterics, the reader no longer believes what he found so very convincing at the beginning of the girls' journey.

Men and women who have been following the literature on homosexuality have protested quite frequently, and not without good reason, at the contrived unhappy endings in these books. If the homosexual does not commit suicide, he either murders or gets murdered, or at least lives unhappily ever after. Some of the better novels (as *Finistere*, *The Invisible Glass*, and *Special Friendships*) have followed this pattern. However, the tragic demise is not quite as universal as readers have been led to believe; one might cite, for example, Gale Wilhelm's *Torchlight to Valhalla* as a novel in which the lovers remained together and happy after they had found each other. It is to the credit of Claire Morgan in *The Price of Salt*—and perhaps it is one of the few assets to be found in a pedestrian work—that love conquers all in the end.

Before leaving Francoise Mallet and her young and lovely illusionist, a word about the bar scene is in order. Although the entire episode in the women's bar is somewhat out of character with the tenor and tone of this work, the author handles the situation with skill, charm, and maturity that are very gratifying. Here we find violence and jealousy as the night creeps into the morning and as girls become intoxicated with liquor and with each other. I can pay the scene no greater compliment than to say that it reminded me of Momma's Neapolitan bar in John Horne Burns's *The Gallery*. But the greater sociological value of Miss Mallet's work lies in the treatment of the characters and situations as individuals in an amorous triangle. Their particular dilemma happened to be one involving people of the same sex, but this was only incidental to and not basic to the triangular struggle for affection and loyalty.

The Wayward Ones is the best example of the propaganda novel at its worst. The author is a sociologist who has written a story of girls in a reform school. She has struggled hard with the problems of a young girl resisting the erotic attention of the "pops" but the psychological aspects of such a situation were beyond her grasp. This is particularly evident in the scene following the marriage of the protagonist-heroine to one of the more masculine girls. Miss Harris graduated from New York University with a minor in journalism. We suggest that before writing another novel, she take a few more credits.

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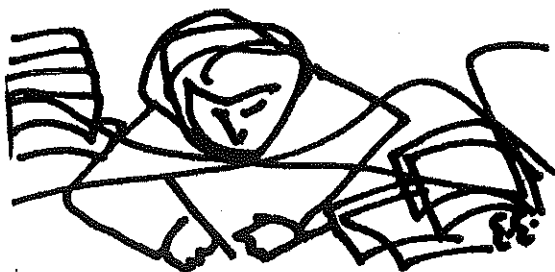
The Letters of Hart Crane, 1916-1932, edited by Brom Weber. New York: Hermitage House, 1952, \$5.00.

Hart Crane was born in 1899, died in 1932, and in the few short years of his maturity, left a not voluminous body of poetry that assures him a permanent place in American literature. Now, in one volume, 405 letters written by Hart Crane, to family, friends, literary acquaintances, have been brought together, magnificently edited to avoid unimportant details or acknowledgment, yet never expurgated.

In these letters, Hart Crane reveals himself: as a poet in search of inspiration; as a man in search of values; as a homosexual in search of love. That he could never quite accept his way of life as being a proper one is clear in these letters, but should not prove surprising, in view of his youth when he died, the very slight progress that America had made in this field at the time, and because Crane was evidently beset by a search for love that came into sharp conflict with his own sexual proclivities.

For reasons that the editor has explained elsewhere, it was impossible to present both sides of this correspondence. None of the letters to which these were replies, and none of the replies to these letters, are included. The book, therefore, becomes one more of scholarly reference than of reading from start to finish. Inasmuch as an outstanding biography of Crane was written by Philip Horton and appeared in 1937, it is hoped that the publication of these letters will stimulate enough interest to cause reissue of that biography. This would be a service not only to a fine book but to a great poet.

On reading these letters, I could not help but think of the shallow criticisms of the homosexual influence in American literature, and of self-appointed critics who delight in telling stories of second-rate novelists who had their works published because they belonged to the same minority as some editor or publisher. I cannot help but wonder why these irate critics make mention of practically unknown authors, and overlook completely the influence of Whitman, Crane and perhaps Melville, James, and Gertrude Stein, all of whom dealt with this theme in their works, and some of whom were deeply interested in it in their personal lives.



Donald Webster Cory



Special!

We have a great deal more kindness than is ever spoken. Barring all the selfishness that chills like east winds, this whole human family is bathed with an element of love like a fine ether.

How many of our kind we meet in homes, whom we scarcely speak to, whom yet we honor, and who honor us! How many we see on the streets, or sit with in cabarets or churches whom, they silently, we warmly rejoice to be with. Read the language of those wandering eyebeams. The heart knoweth its own.

You read of me and my kind in poetry. From the highest degree of passionate love, to the lowest degree of good will, we help make the sweetness of life.

We have the nimblest fancy, a richer memory. For long hours we can continue a series of sincere, graceful, rich communications, drawn from the oldest, most secret experiences, so that they who sit by, of our own acquaintances shall feel a lively surprise at our unusual powers.

But as soon as a stranger begins to intrude his partialities, his definitions, his defects, into our conversation, it is all over. He has heard the first, the

last and best, he will ever hear from us. He is no stranger now. Vulgarly, ignorance, misapprehensions, are old acquaintances of ours.

The moment we indulge our affections, the earth is metamorphosed: there is no winter, and no night: all tragedies, all ennui vanish; nothing fills the proceeding eternity but the form all radiant of our beloved person.

We chide society, we embrace solitude, and yet we are not so ungrateful as not to see the wise, the lovely, and the noble-minded, as from time to time we meet them in this walk of life.

Who hears us, who understands us? Our kind hears us and understands us—thus we have become a group for all time. Nor is nature so poor, but that she gives us means of expressions, thus we weave social threads of our own, a new web of relations, and as many thoughts in succession substantiate themselves, we shall by and by stand in a new world of our own creation, and no longer strangers or outcasts in a traditionary world.

Billie Brown

DAVID & JONATHAN

The existence throughout all recorded human history of fraternal relationships between men of profound emotional intensity and deep ethical import is a stubborn fact that no amount of theological or other tabu can obliterate from warp and woof of society's cultural heritage.

Perhaps nowhere in literature has such a relationship been described with more touching, yet authentic power and simplicity than in the biblical story of Jonathan and David.

Picture young David, eighth son of Jesse, a wealthy stockman and rancher of the little town of Bethlehem, who is described as "ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to." Healthy, outdoor living had given him not only good looks but a vigorously masculine courage that enabled him to neatly dispose of attacks made upon his father's herds by bear and lions.

Jonathan, on the other hand was a young prince, grown to manhood among the sophistications of his father's court, and palace, self-assured in his social position and educational poise, but when David was brought to the palace, as he listened to him, speaking clear-eyed in quiet simplicity before the king, something fundamental must have taken place within him, an emotional reaction reaching to the very foundations of his nature, for we read, in the inimitable language of the Bible:

"And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle."

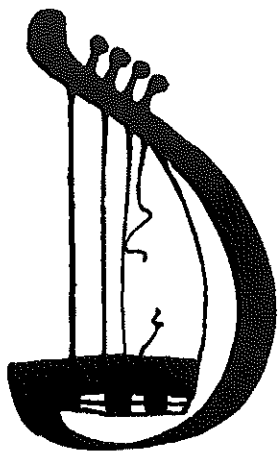
Shortly after this solemn pledge had been made, the substance of Jonathan's character and affection were placed under severe stress. Political jealousies and intrigue in the court sought to undermine David's position with the king, succeeding to the extent that the king ordered both the secret police and Jonathan to kill David, who was quite innocent of any offense against the court.

"But Jonathan, Saul's son delighted much in David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hid thyself: And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field, and I will commune with my father of thee, and what I see I will tell thee. And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father . . . and Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan . . . and Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

Later, another even more aggressive attack was made against David's position, as an outsider who had risen quickly to a position of influence and authority. Again, David and Jonathan met the problem by standing squarely on a platform of affection and trust in each other, for, "Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee . . . And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul."

The plot against David's life deepened until it became dangerous even for them to meet, yet, by ruses of various kinds, they did, until it became so unsafe that they knew they would have to part forever. David must flee for his life. "And they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded. And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the Lord, saying, The Lord be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed forever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city."

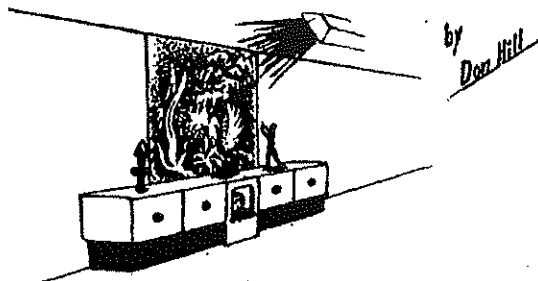
We do not have a record that they ever saw each other again. Later, when the news was brought to him that Jonathan had been killed on the battlefield, David lamented: "O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places. I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women."



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November 4, Wednesday: BADGE 714 WITH SWEDISH PASTRY AND RECORDS
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November 10, Tuesday : RESEARCH AND STUDY GROUP. Call [REDACTED] at:
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November 12, Thursday: SPELLBOUND at: [REDACTED]
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November 14 and 15, Saturday and Sunday: SEE BELOW*****

November 18, Wednesday: INTRODUCTION NITE at: [REDACTED]
above Milani's Restaurant on Telegraph

November 21, Saturday: BLOOD DONATIONS FOR HEMOPHILIAC FUND
We are continuing our blood donations to
the Hemophiliac Fund because it is a cause
worthy of our attention. If you wish to
donate blood, please contact [REDACTED] by the
16th, Monday, at: [REDACTED]

November 23, Monday: AREA COUNCIL MEETING at: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

November 24, Tuesday: RESEARCH AND STUDY GROUP. Call [REDACTED] at:
[REDACTED]

November 29, Sunday: DINNER. Time and place to be announced

Convention Notes

On November 14 and 15 the Convention of the Mattachine Society
will be held in Los Angeles. For complete details, including
transportation, housing, and other information, contact [REDACTED] at:
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There will be a \$2 Registration fee for all attending, whether as
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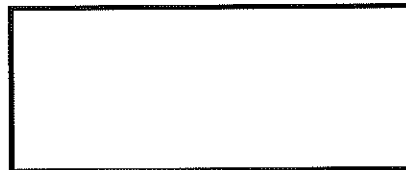
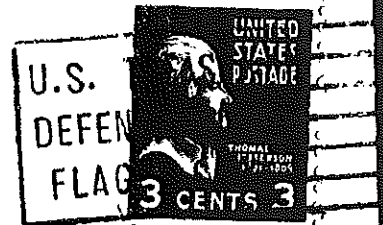
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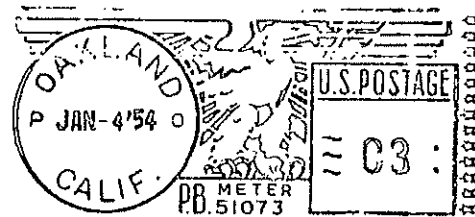
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Brothers, Sisters, and Friends, we have just completed a half year as an organized Society. We have, so far, survived all the growing pains and tribulations of such a Society. We have had as leaders many honest and enthusiastic people who have kept the spirit of the Society alive through the past trying months. Some we have lost; some left us believing they would benefit the Society more by doing so, and still others have left us for various personal reasons. We would like in the days to come to regain the tremendous support of these individuals.

We have gained the support of new enthusiastic people who recognizing the value of the Society have kept its spirit alive. We have survived many personality differences, which have been resolved by understanding. We have gone through many organizational changes in Constitution and Preamble as well as in the structure of our meetings (Business, Discussion, Research and Study, Lectures, Social, and combinations of all these types)

We, the active members of the Society, have pledged ourselves during this coming year to a more active support of already organized community crusades. Our object is not to change or reform anyone, but to overshadow any bad they might do as individuals by the good we do as a group. We must realize that a bad action on the part of one individual will reflect unfairly against the whole group, so it is up to a very small group of us to change society's view. This is going to be a tremendous task, and we can not do it alone but must have YOUR help. If you can not render financial help, remember that just a small amount of your time and energy will be very welcome.

Our projects for the month of January are:

1. Blood Donations for the Hemophiliacs
2. Collection of Old Clothes to cooperate with the Quaker Friends in their good work
3. Collection Crews for the March of Dimes
4. Volunteering Material to Dr. Kinsey and other research groups to aid science towards a better understanding of mankind

If you can help, please contact Mac or Rene at OL 3-7692 or GL 2-2341, and thank you for your willingness to help with these worthy projects.

Jerry Mason, Chairman
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SCHEDULE OF OAKLAND-BERKELEY MEETINGS FOR MONTH OF:

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The following meetings and activities are scheduled for 8 PM unless otherwise indicated:

January 6, Wednesday: SURPRISES FOR 1954 at: [redacted] Chairman

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January 12, Tuesday: RESEARCH AND STUDY GROUP. Call [redacted] at: [redacted] for time and place.

January 20, Wednesday: SKITS 'N' PHRENIA at: [redacted] above Milani's

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January 23, Saturday: BLOOD DONATION DAY FOR THE HEMOPHILIACS
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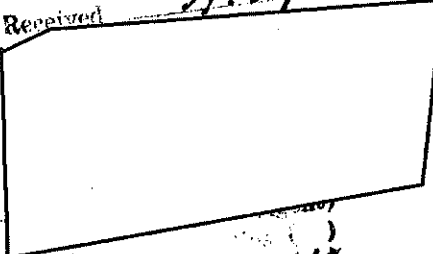
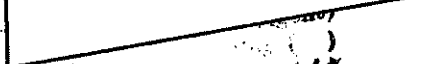
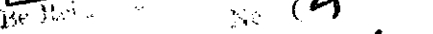
January 24, Sunday: MATTACHINE CUTTING A special brochure
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January 25, Tuesday: RESEARCH AND STUDY GROUP. Call [redacted] at: [redacted] for time and place.

January 28, ~~Tuesday~~ ^{Thursday} AREA COUNCIL MEETING

The agenda for the coming year is crowded with numerous humanitarian and social projects. We will need everyone's assistance in carrying out this ambitious program, and we are sure that after being fired with enthusiasm as a result of attending this month's exciting meetings, this spirit of service will carry us thru a very successful and meaningful year.

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THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY
LOS ANGELES

1954

Foreword

Presented in this booklet is the story of the Mattachine Society.

To answer the first question most people ask when they hear the name mentioned, the word "Mattachine" has its origin in medieval Southern Europe.

The Mattachinos were court jesters, teachers, fools--in the original sense of the word. They lived and moved in circles of the nobility. They dared to speak the truth in the face of stern authority, regardless of the consequences. And they were men of wisdom.

The material herein has been prepared to aid members, friends and interested persons in understanding the aims and principles, policies, goals, and methods of accomplishment chosen by the Mattachine Society in conducting a program of research and education about a pressing social problem.

The story is necessarily incomplete, and necessarily in chapters that may lack fullest cohesion and continuity. That is because the organization itself is new, fluid, and evolving into its own.

But progress is being made from day to day. The help of many will be needed if the program is to be accomplished. And those who choose to help must remember that no virtue is more important in this work than that of patience.

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This information booklet was prepared and published by the Beta Chapter, San Francisco, under the direction of the Publications Committee Chairman of the Coordinating Council.

FACT vs. FALLACY

The Mattachine Society is composed of men and women over 21 years of age who are interested in the problems of the sex variant. The only requirement for membership is an interest in the problem and a desire to help solve it. Members are admitted regardless of race, creed, color or sexual preference. The organization is definitely no organization of homosexuals alone.

The aims and purposes of the organization are those set forth in the constitution and its preamble. A person may participate informally through attendance at discussion groups, contributions of financial aid, and by generally aiding the program through disseminating accurate information concerning the sex variant; and formally by becoming a dues-paying member of the Society in one of its several chapters. All such participation may be anonymous.

Politically, the Mattachine Society is strictly non-partisan. It espouses no "isms," except Americanism, for it realizes that such a program is possible only in a free nation such as the United States. In support of these statements, the following resolution was adopted by the Society's first constitutional convention:

"Whereas this organization is neither political nor sectarian, and whereas we believe that our group can only achieve the social integration it seeks within the framework of a free society; and whereas we find it especially significant that the most brutal and restrictive laws against non-heterosexuals are enforced in those countries like Russia, where the freedom of the individual in this country, both of the extreme right or extreme left, has (been most severely restricted and government has been) the most bitter enemy of the homosexual, we, therefore resolve to pledge ourselves to fight social, racial, religious and sexual discrimination within and outside the organization."

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An organization such as the Mattachine Society is a lure for writers who wish to sensationalize its very existence. For instance, a national magazine recently stated that the organization had 9000 members in California alone, and was building a fund of \$6 million, to be used for fighting enforcement of sex laws if thought to be discriminatory. The magazine further implied that the existence and growth of the Society posed a threat to society in general, and a pressure to sweep away protective laws at cost to the average citizen.

How near this particular writer (Kenneth Frank in May, 1953, "Confidential") came to the truth in gathering facts for his article, can be shown easily by the fact that Society membership as of April 1, 1954, totaled only a few more than a hundred--114 members, to be exact. No chapters exist outside of California.

WHAT, THEN, IS THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY?

Briefly, that is told in the first paragraph on this page. In addition to being composed of persons interested in the problem of the Sex variant, it is a group of persons (and not necessarily variants), interested in doing research, education, and conducting social action for the benefit of the variant minority and, in turn, for the benefit of society as a whole.

The Society has several types of activities.

It conducts public discussion groups, sponsors lectures and forums on the sex variation problem.

It sponsors and aids research on the subject.

It prepares and publishes information on the subject.

It is attempting to define and advocate acceptance of a personal behavior code for all individuals which will eliminate barriers of acceptance and integration into society as a whole.

It hopes to aid in the revision of statutes which regulate human sex behavior through study, association with persons influential in the field of public opinion, and by making known the findings of science. This is to be done with a view to supporting enforcement of laws which forbid (a) sex activities in public; (b) sex activities and indecencies between adults and minors, particularly small children, and (c) sex relationships which involve use of force or violence.

It hopes to dispel false ideas about the variant, and thus eliminate discrimination, derision, prejudice and denial of civil rights.

It hopes to instill in the minority itself a desire to assume full responsibilities of citizenship.

It hopes to aid law enforcement agencies in the proper conduct of their activities for the benefit of all society

It hopes to provide legal aid where appropriate to insure all persons full rights to equal justice under the law, especially as related to sex offenses.

It hopes to eventually provide group therapy programs and professional psychiatric assistance to aid the rehabilitation of variants and others with problems of emotional instability.

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The above list of immediate and long-term goals will be realized only through the effort of individual people--not unlike yourself, perhaps. All progress by the organization will be directly proportionate to the time, effort and money these people put into the Mattachine Society.

For all concerned, the Mattachine is a spare-time activity, which means that progress by the group will necessarily be slow. Time, funds and manpower limit what it can do. Patience is the first requirement of all who participate.

As described in this booklet, the Society has an organizational structure not unlike many other such groups. There are chapters made up of individual members; area councils made up of chapter representatives in a metropolitan or similar area; and a coordinating council made up of elected officers and area council chairmen. This last-named council operates the Society between conventions.

Conventions are held twice yearly. Delegates elected by the membership attend, and theirs is the sole right to accept, reject or modify actions by the coordinating council during the previous six months. At conventions, officers are elected, policies determined, and necessary regulations adopted.

Thus the Society exists for the membership, and not the other way around.

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Discussion groups are important as a meeting place between the Society and the public. They are sponsored by chapters, meeting generally twice each month. Topics for group discussion are announced in advance, or programs with speakers and discussion leaders are arranged. General information about the Society is available at these activities.

Newsletters and other publications, as well as programs of research, legal aid, and welfare projects are generally handled on an area level, subject to constitutional limitations and policies of the Society as a whole.

To generally control and regulate action of the entire Society is the function of the Coordinating Council. It is the governing body; but as such generally recommends action, projects, etc., to the autonomous chapters.

Thus the Society's structure is democratic and typical of many similar associations. A constitution and 32 by-laws are the basic regulations for the organization. Dues are paid by members and other contributions accepted to conduct the program, with strict accounting procedures applied to all funds received and spent.

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This is briefly the WHO, WHAT and WHY of the Mattachine Society. As an organization, it has assumed a tremendous task. It needs the aid, understanding and support of everyone.

The Society is fully aware that only in a free America could such an organization exist with an avowed object of changing and strengthening weaknesses in our social structure.

But the Society is determined to seek this set of goals through EVOLUTION, not REVOLUTION.

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HISTORY of the MATTACHINE SOCIETY

The Mattachine movement had its inception in 1950, when a group of three men, convinced that the time was right for such an idea, gathered several of their friends together at Los Angeles and inaugurated the first Discussion Group--the characteristic feature of what was to become, three years later, the present Mattachine Society.

In the meantime, the original group of three had grown to seven, and they filed for incorporation as a nonprofit research organization in the State of California as the Mattachine Foundation, Inc.

To carry on the work of the original discussion group, a secret society was instituted, headed by several of the original members of the foundation. The secrecy in the groups extended from top to bottom and, although intended as a measure of protection, it served only to handicap functions of various levels or "orders" as they were called.

It was the task of the lowest "order" to organize and sponsor discussion groups. Attendance at these group meetings was from 20 to 60 persons. They met in various homes or churches, generally every two weeks. Through these groups people were introduced to the movement, its aims and principles. The groups not only performed an educational and indoctrination role, but had the value of group therapy benefits as well. They helped dispel fear, suspicion and distrust among those present.

It was this lowest "order" too, that handled mailing committee functions, and gathered and forwarded to the Foundation the donations collected at the discussion groups.

As the Mattachine Movement grew, it became apparent that a secret and non-democratic society was proving too great a hindrance. Difficulties in communicating from the lowest order and the Foundation arose. With an increasing number of persons attending discussion groups, an insistent sense of responsibility grew, and with it the demand for a democratic association.

In response to this, the head of the Foundation called a meeting to form a new organization. It met April 11, 1953. It created and adopted a new constitution under the name of the Mattachine Society.

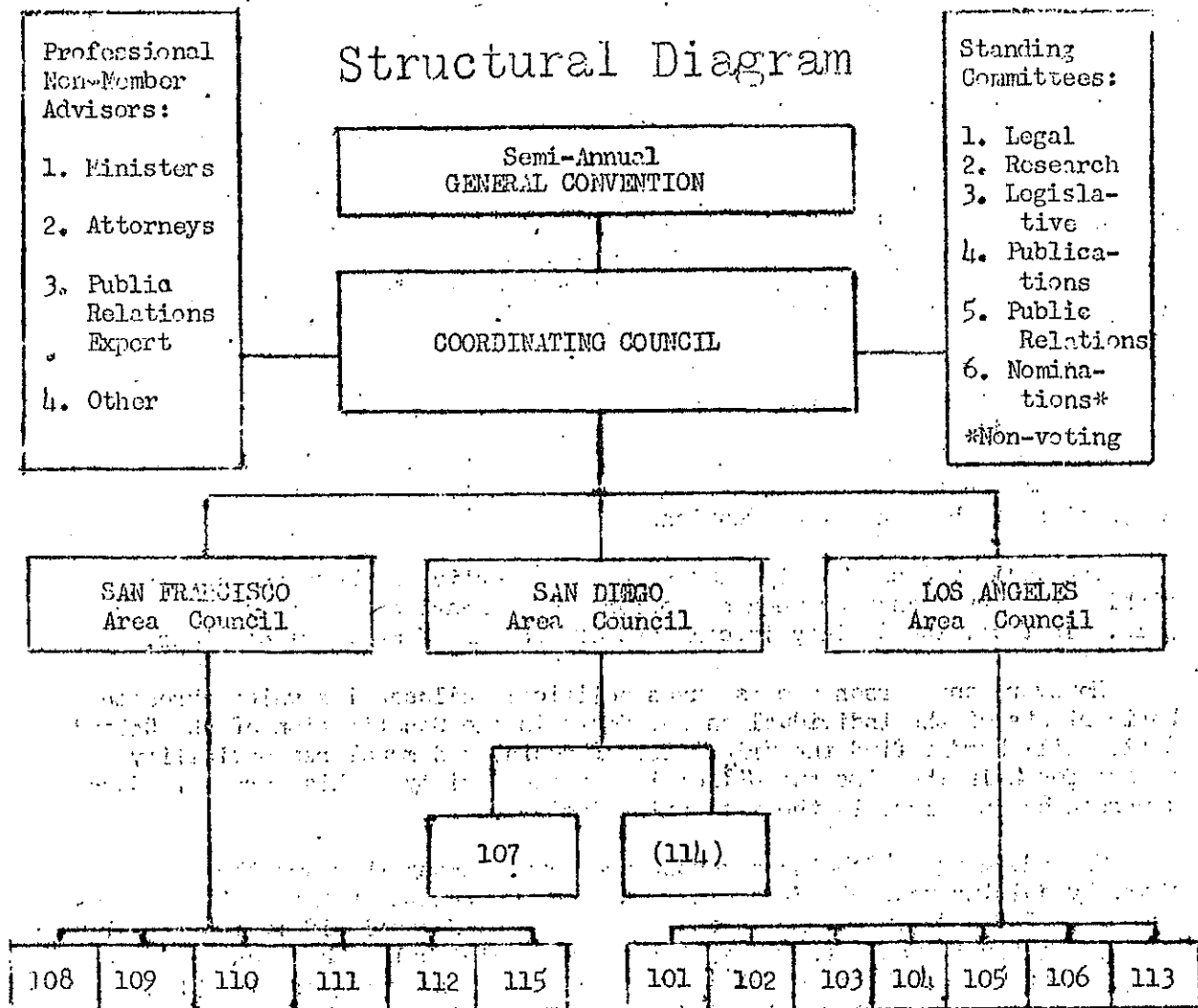
It required a second such constitutional convention a month later to agree on the final form of the constitution, elect officers, pass resolutions, by-laws, and lay down initial policies.

It became apparent during this last session that the original founders of the movement had built better than they knew. For there emerged from the convention a Society designed to carry out all the functions of the Foundation, which agreed to disband. Gone were the "secret" orders, the questions of who was behind it all, and the possibility of alternate motives. Established was an association of persons who knew and trusted the others within the group, and shared the zealous desire to alleviate a pressing social problem.

STRUCTURE of the SOCIETY

The General Convention is the supreme governing body of the Society. It is composed of the Chairman, the several Vice Chairmen, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, chairmen of the standing committees, Area Council chairmen and elected delegates from the several chapters. Delegates are elected on the basis of one for each five members, but with at least one delegate per chartered chapter.

The Coordinating Council consists of officers of the General Convention, chairmen of standing committees, and chairmen of the Area Council. Duties of



(See the Directory in this booklet for names and locations of chapters numbered above)

the Coordinating Council are to record chapter charters, coordinate activities within the several areas and within the Society itself, and generally operate the Society between conventions. This means establishment of policies, control of major projects, and handling public relations.

Area councils are composed of elected delegates from each chapter within an area, and area council officers. Coordinating Council Vice Chairmen act as the direct link between an area and the top level body. Area council chairmen are members of the Coordinating Council.

The chapter is the basic organizational unit of the Society. It is composed of four or more dues-paying members, who elect officers, area council delegates, and delegates to the General Convention, based upon the representation of one delegate for each five members, but with at least one delegate

from each chapter. Any four men and women of good will who agree with the aims and principles and are willing to subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the Society may apply to the nearest area council (or if more practicable, direct to the Coordinating Council) for a chapter charter, remitting a fee of \$5 for recording the approved charter. Out-of-state chapters are regulated directly by the Coordinating Council. Present areas within the Society are (1) Northern California, including San-Francisco-Oakland metropolitan area; (2) Los Angeles metropolitan area; San Diego metropolitan area.

Letters for application of new chapters should include the number of members, chapter name which has been chosen, the field of activity in which the chapter is most interested, a certificate that chapter officers have been elected, and how the chapter can be contacted by mail. Final approval of all chapter charters, as well as revocation of charters when necessary, is a function of the General Convention.

The Society emphatically states that prospective members and persons wishing to form a chapter need not belong to the variant minority in order to join. In fact, the Society is composed of persons of many orientations.

However, any person who espouses political philosophies which abrogate basic rights of the individual as set forth in the Constitution of the United States will hardly find the principles of social and moral responsibility as set forth in the aims and principles of the Society to his purpose. Such a person has no place in the Mattachine Society.

The advantages of being a member are many. Among them are the knowledge that, by joining your efforts with others, the strength of the Society is increased. It needs the support of a large number of people if it is to achieve the high goals it has set. In addition, the individual member can find enrichment of his own life through an increased understanding of himself and others. The social integration and maturation of individuals who participate in discussion groups sponsored by chapters, and in other chapter projects, are particularly beneficial.

The discussion group as a primary chapter project is the front-line of the Society, in that newcomers are met, and individual problems brought to the fore at these meetings. Persons attending discussion groups are not necessarily members. These informal gatherings permit intelligent discussion of topics related to the Mattachine movement, and provide a common ground for leaders to demonstrate how the aims and principles of the Society can benefit persons within and without the variant minority.

There is no organizational obligation for persons attending discussion groups. But those who are interested are invited to become members, and thus broaden their scope of participation in the work of the Society.

AIMS and PRINCIPLES

TO SPONSOR PROJECTS OF EDUCATION:

1. Education of the general public so as to give them a better understanding concerning sex variation, so that all persons may be accepted as individuals for their own worth and not blindly condemned for their emotional make-up; to correct general misconceptions, bigotries, and prejudices resulting from lack of accurate information regarding sex variants.
2. Education of variants themselves so that they may better understand not only the causes and conditions of variation, but formulate an adjustment and pattern behavior that is acceptable to society in general and compatible with recognized institutions of a moral and civilized society with respect for the sanctity of home, church and state.

TO AID THE VARIANT THROUGH INTEGRATION:

1. Since variants desire acceptance in society, it behooves them to assume community responsibility. They should, as individuals, actively affiliate with community endeavors, such as civic and welfare organizations, religious activities, and citizenship responsibilities, instead of attempting to withdraw into an invert society of their own. For only as they make positive contributions to the general welfare can they expect acceptance and full assimilation into the communities in which they live.
2. The long-term aim is not only to support well-adjusted variants with full integration into society, but to give special aid to maladjusted homosexuals for their own welfare as well as that of the community.

TO CONDUCT A PROGRAM OF SOCIAL ACTION:

1. To secure the active cooperation and support of existing institutions such as psychology departments of universities, state and city welfare groups, mental hygiene departments, and law-enforcement agencies in pursuing the programs of education and integration.
2. To contact legislators regarding both existing discriminatory statutes and proposed revisions and additions to the criminal code in keeping with the findings of leading psychiatrists and scientific research organizations, so that laws may be promulgated with respect to a realistic attitude toward the behavior of human beings.

3. To eliminate widespread discrimination in the fields of employment, in the professions and in society, as well as to attain personal social acceptance among the respectable members of any community.
4. To dispel the idea that the sex variant is unique, "queer" or unusual, but is instead a human being with the same capacities of feeling, thinking and accomplishment as any other human being.

GENERAL AIMS:

1. To accomplish this program in a law-abiding manner. The Society is not seeking to overthrow or destroy any of society's existing institutions, laws or mores, but to aid the assimilation of variants as constructive valuable and responsible citizens. Standard and accepted democratic processes are to be relied upon as the technique for accomplishing this program.
2. The Society opposes indecent public behavior, and particularly excoriates those who would contribute to the delinquency of minors and those who attempt to use force or violence upon any other persons whatsoever.
3. Although the Mattachine Society is a non-sectarian organization and is not affiliated with any political organization, it is, however, unalterably opposed to Communists and Communist activity and will not tolerate the use of its name or organization by or for any Communist group or front.

LEGISLATIVE POLICY

ORGANIZED PRESSURE WON'T WORK

Any organized pressure on lawmakers by members of the Mattachine Society as a group would only serve to prejudice the position of the society in the opinion of those sociologists and law enforcement officials with whom the matter has been discussed.

They feel that if the persons who are vehemently opposed to non-heterosexuality could show reasonable proof that a pressure group was exerting untoward influence on lawmakers and law enforcement agencies as regards sexual variation, it would provide them with an abundant source of hysterical propaganda with which to foment an ignorant, fear-inspired campaign against sexual variants.

BURDEN OF ACTIVITY REMAINS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL

It cannot be denied that there are persons responsible for introducing or attempting to introduce vicious, discriminatory legislation. It is essential that the influence of these people be combatted. That can be done, and done in such a manner that it does not play into their hands. For it would be most ironical to have the society's own program boomerang, to be destroyed by the very activity which we undertook to preserve ourselves. The Legislative Committee recommends that the society should follow a program limited to merely acquainting itself with pending legislation and advising its members and friends of any such legislation that is aimed at the minority.

The burden of activity must rest upon the individual and their friends, who, upon being advised of legislation inimicable to the minority, individually write to their legislative representatives, expressing their feeling in the matter, and in addition attempt to accurately set out the true facts.

COORDINATING COUNCIL IS THE FOCAL POINT

Cases of local "witch hunting" should be referred to the Legislative Chairman in order that he may attempt an analysis of the situation and make recommendation of activity to the Society; it being presumed that the Chairman can and will avail himself of competent legal advice in these matters. No Chapter, no Area, should attempt to undertake any program of legislative activity without first clearing it through the Coordinating Council by way of the Legislative Chairman in order that we may not endanger the Society by acting through overzealousness in a manner which is not at all times in strict legal conformity.

OTHER POLICIES

In the process of being formulated are other key policies of the Society. These include policies toward legal matters, public relations, publications and research.

In general, these policies are being outlined by the standing committee chairman for each of the fields listed. When formulated, the suggested policy will be submitted to the Coordinating Council and approved before it is considered official by the Society.

Legal policy will define the position of the Society in legal matters, such as defending cases---or supporting the defense of cases---where civil rights have been violated or denied; obtaining legal advice for all actions by the Society; action in suits against the Society, and initiation of suits by the Society under proper circumstances.

The policy for research will outline the Society's research program, stressing how the Mattachine organization realizes that its greatest and most meaningful contribution in research programs will consist of aiding established and recognized scientists, clinics, research organizations and institutions by furnishing material for their work in studying sex variation problems. This means that the general rule will be that little or no findings will be published by the Society itself, but rather by the agencies served by the Society. The Society is in a unique position, important as concerns any research on the sex variation subject, in that it has access to individuals who can furnish the information scientists need to make valid conclusions. Filling the role of intermediary is one of the important aspects of the Society's research program.

The present publications policy permits individual areas to issue their own newsletters, as well as other necessary publications, as conditions warrant, but subject to limitations of the constitution and by-laws, and the dictates of sound judgment. Habitually, names and telephone numbers or addresses of individuals are not published in newsletters (unless specifically requested by the individual concerned).

In the publication of general information topics, areas may initiate such publications, but a proval of the Coordinating Council through the publications chairman is required before the matter can be considered official for the Society. In turn, all such material prepared must be submitted for the final approval of delegates at the next general convention.

A final recommendation by the publications chairman urges that all items (including newsletters) published by areas within the Society be strictly within the confines of accuracy, good taste, and factual. There is no room in the organization for publishing information that does not reflect the high character of Mattachine goals.

Public relations, while centered among the Society chairman, the public relations committee chairman and the non-member public relations advisor, is a matter for every member as well. For the public relations function includes more than just obtaining favorable publicity and cooperation from other publications and agencies; public relations also includes the activity of any member when talking to another about the Society. The need for members being able to give accurate information about the Society cannot be over-emphasized.

All major matters involving public relations, especially on a Society level, are handled through the professional public relations advisor, with the aid of the public relations chairman and other officers. This same technique is followed by the legal and research committees.

Within individual areas, Coordinating Council Vice Chairmen have a public relations responsibility, to be handled in cooperation with other officers and the public relations committee chairman.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY

PREAMBLE

WE, the members of the Mattachine Society, believing in sexual equality, in full awareness of our social obligations as members of the human community, hold it necessary that the priceless integrity and freedom of the individual be forever maintained in our society; and, whereas the present laws of many lands are discriminatory; and, whereas we are resolved that all people shall find such equality; and whereas we desire to spread knowledge of the aims and aspirations of this Society through mutual education of its membership and of society, WE, therefore, hereby resolve:

ARTICLE I:

- Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Mattachine Society,
- Section 2: The Society shall be composed of persons twenty-one years of age or older who are duly initiated members of a chartered Chapter.
- Section 3: Persons shall be admitted to membership regardless of race color, or creed.
- Section 4: No provision shall be made to destroy the anonymity of any member without his permission.

ARTICLE II:

- Section 1: The General Convention shall be the supreme governing body of the organization.
- Section 2: The General Convention shall be composed of all officers elected by the previous convention and delegates from each Chapter.
- Section 3: Guests of the convention may be invited only at the discretion of the Coordinating Council.
- Section 4a: The General Convention shall elect a Chairman, a Vice Chairman in each Area, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Standing Committees.
- Section 4b: The General Convention shall elect a convention Chairman who shall preside until the election of permanent officers for the following year.
- Section 5: The General Convention shall have the following Standing Committees: Research, Legislative, Publications, Legal, Public Relations, and Nominating.
- Section 6a: Voting in convention shall be on the following basis: each Chapter shall have one vote for every five members, but each Chapter shall have at least one vote.
- Section 6b: Each Chapter may decide its votes on a numerical basis to increase delegate participation.
- Section 7: The General Convention shall retain the power to permanently grant and revoke Chapter charters.
- Section 8: The General Convention shall have the power to levy dues.

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ARTICLE III:

- Section 1: The Coordinating Council shall be composed of the officers elected by the General Convention, the Chairman of the Area Councils, and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees with the exception of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and shall be the governing body of the Society between conventions.
- Section 2: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the General Convention shall be the Executive Secretary, Vice Chairman, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the Coordinating Council.
- Section 3a: The Coordinating Council shall correlate and coordinate reports and activities of all area Councils and all of its policies, activities, and utterances shall be subject to review by the General Convention and subject to such action it deems necessary.
- Section 3b: The Coordinating Council shall record Chapter affiliations within Area Councils.
- Section 3c: The Coordinating Council shall call the semi-annual convention.
- Section 3d: The Coordinating Council shall meet not less than once every three months.

ARTICLE IV:

- Section 1: Each Area Council shall include at least one delegate from each Chapter within the Area. Beyond this, each Area Council shall determine its own composition and structure.
- Section 2: Whenever two or more Chapters are formed in a distinct or contiguous metropolitan or similar geographical area, they may form an area Council and apply to Coordinating Council for its recognition, Subject to ratification by general Convention.
- Section 3: The treasurer or comparable officer shall send a quarterly Financial report and appropriation of funds to the Coordinating Council.
- Section 4a: The Area Council shall act upon all legal problems affecting the general membership within its area.
- Section 4b: The Area Council shall implement the activities of the Society serving the needs of the locality.
- Section 4c: The Area Council shall grant Chapter charters subject to ratification by the general convention and may give an official reprimand to any Chapter in lieu of suspension of Chapter charter if this is deemed by the Area Council to be in the best interest of the Society.

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- Section 4d: The Area Council may temporarily suspend Chapter Charters subject to ratification by the general convention.
- Section 4f: In the event of a revocation of a Chapter Charter by the general convention, the treasury of the Chapter shall revert to the treasury of the Area Council.
- Section 4g: In the event of the temporary suspension of a Chapter charter, the Chapter treasury shall be held in trust by the treasurer of the Area Council pending the decision of the next general convention.
- Section 4h: Each Area Council is charged with the responsibility of reporting conditions and/or violations within its area to Coordinating Council to be acted upon subject to ratification by the general convention.
- Section 5: Each Area Council shall meet not less than once a month.
- Section 6: A majority vote of all Area Councils may call such special general conventions as may be required.

ARTICLE V:

- Section 1: A Chapter shall consist of not less than four duly initiated members.
- Section 2: Each Chapter shall elect a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and Delegates to the Area Council.
- Section 3: The Treasurer shall send a monthly financial report and appropriation of funds to the Area Council.
- Section 4: The Chapter shall have full autonomy within the limits of the Preamble, the Constitution, and By-laws Adopted by the general Convention.
- Section 5: The Chapter shall have regularly scheduled meetings not less than once a month unless circumstances prevent.
- Section 6: Any member of the Society may be expelled by action of his own Chapter by at least a two-thirds vote for refusing to abide by the Constitution, or the By-Laws and the Resolutions of the Society, or the By-Laws of the Area Council or Chapter subject to appeal to the Area Council, Coordinating Council, or general convention.

ARTICLE VI:

The Constitution may be amended at any general convention by a two-thirds vote of the convention.

Adopted: May 24, 1953
Amended: Nov 15, 1953

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ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

1. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP shall be proposed by a member of the Society and endorsed by ten members and two-thirds of the Area Councils, following which the recommendation must be submitted to the Coordinating Council for consideration. If elected, the convention shall confer the Honorary Membership in an appropriate manner.
2. FELLOWSHIP shall be proposed and elected in the same manner as Honorary Membership, except that the endorsement of only five additional members and a majority of the Area Councils is required.
3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP shall be proposed and elected by the Chapter in accordance with its By-Laws. Associate members shall not be required to attend more than one Chapter meeting annually.
4. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP shall be proposed and elected by the Chapter and members shall attend meetings in accordance with Chapter By-laws.
5. SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP may be granted by a majority vote of the Coordinating Council on acceptance of a noteworthy contribution made by such person, corporation or an organization.

ARTICLE II - DUES AND OTHER MONIES

1. Dues shall be as follows:
Honorary Member.....none.
Fellow.....\$50.00 per year.
Associate Member.....\$36.00 per year.
Active Member.....\$2.00 per month.
2. Dues from Active and Associate members shall be distributed in the following manner: 30% to the Coordinating Council
30% to the Area Council
40% to the Chapter.
Dues from all other members shall be forwarded in full to the Coordinating Council. All monies collected or donated for a given purpose shall be turned over by the collecting agent to the Treasurer of the Coordinating Council for proper disbursement unless notification of the responsible Chapter or Area Council. All other money collected by the Chapter shall be turned over to the Chapter treasurer to be distributed in the same manner as active members dues above.
3. The monthly dues for members in out-of-state Chapters shall be \$2.00 allocated as follows: 50% to the Chapter
50% to the Coordinating Council
until such time as an Area Council is established, when the distribution of dues and other monies shall be on the same basis as Section 2 of this Article.

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4. In the case of Fellows or Associates, dues shall become payable in advance, and shall become due and payable on the first day of July of each and every year. A statement for such dues shall be mailed to Fellows by the Coordinating Council Secretary, and to Associates by the Chapter Secretary at least thirty days before the date due. A receipt shall be mailed upon payment thereof.
5. Members initiated after the fifteenth of the month shall pay one-half monthly dues for that month.
6. When dues are three months in arrears, the members shall be placed on the suspended list and carried as such for a period of three months, and if the dues are still unpaid, such member, upon notice shall be dropped for non-payment, and the dues in arrears shall be stricken from the treasury. Suspended members shall not be considered as members in the determination of Delegates to the general convention. (See Article II, Section 6a, of the Constitution.)
7. Members dropped by the Chapter for non-payment of dues may be reinstated by the Chapter by majority vote after full payment of dues in arrears.

ARTICLE III - CHAPTER

1. The Chairman shall be responsible for the conduct of all Chapter meetings and the coordination of Chapter activities.
2. The Secretary shall be responsible for the transcription of the minutes of the Chapter and any other special meetings for which the Chapter is responsible and shall forward copies of the same as well as copies of all publications, forms, etc. and the revision of the same to the Area Council and Coordinating Council as soon as possible. The Secretary shall be responsible for the handling of the correspondence of the Chapter.
3. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection, dispersal, and remittance of the funds to the Society, for the preparation of financial statements and other bookkeeping related to the Chapter treasury.
4. The Chapter reserves the right to recall any official at any time who in the opinion of two-thirds vote of the entire membership fails to uphold the duties of his office.
5. A vacant office shall be filled by election of the Chapter not more than one month following such vacancy.
6. When four persons have formed a Chapter by the election of officers, membership shall be determined by majority vote of the Chapter members.
7. The Chapter shall hold no social meeting which is reprehensible in the eyes of society. When in doubt, the Chapter shall consult the Coordinating Council.
8. The Chapter or Area Council shall not issue any public statement involving a policy of the Society or purporting to have the approval of the Society without first securing the written consent of the Coordinating Council except in the case of a direct quotation from an officially adopted and published

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statement of policy or other official document of the Society, no policy shall be considered official until adopted by the general convention.

ARTICLE IV - AREA COUNCIL

1. The quarterly financial report shall be due March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of each year.
2. Copies of all minutes, publications, forms, etc., and the revision of the same shall be forwarded to the Coordinating Council.

ARTICLE V - COORDINATING COUNCIL

1. The Coordinating Council shall have the power to authorize the establishment of an Area Council upon petition of two or more Chapters within areas established by the Coordinating Council.
2. The Coordinating Council shall have the power to suspend an Area Council by three-fourths vote at any time when the Area Council fails to uphold the stated Aims and Principles of the general convention.
3. The Coordinating Council shall assume the duties, obligations and position of an Area Council in the absence of the same.
4. Subject to confirmation by succeeding conventions, the Coordinating Council may establish such committees without vote as it deems necessary.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

1. At each semi-annual or regular meetings of the Society, the general order of business shall be as follows:
 - a. Remarks or address of the Chairman of the Coordinating Council and Chairmen of the Area Councils.
 - b. Report of the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries.
 - c. Report of the Treasurer.
 - d. Reports of Committees.
 - e. Chartering of Chapters.
 - f. Results of Elections.
 - g. Unfinished Business.
 - h. New Business.
2. Upon the request of any Delegate a roll call vote by Chapters may be demanded at the convention.
3. Roberts Rules of Order shall guide the business meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS OF COORDINATING COUNCIL OFFICERS

1. The Nominating Committee shall accept nominations from the membership of the Society and shall publicize such nominations to the membership of the Society thirty days before the convention. The Nominating Committee may make no nominations itself, and the committee shall be composed of one member elected by each Area Council.